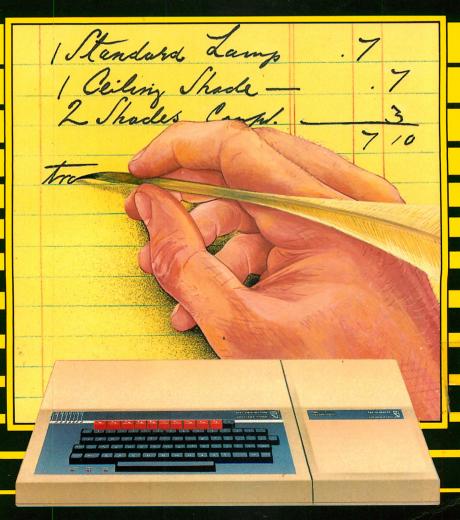


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Conventions used in this guide

In this guide, we use a set of standard notations to refer to keys on the keyboard, to function keys and to data you type in. The following examples will show how the conventions work.

end refers to an Accountant function key, in

this case, the key that will end what you

are doing

<option number> means type in an option number (do not

type in the angled brackets)

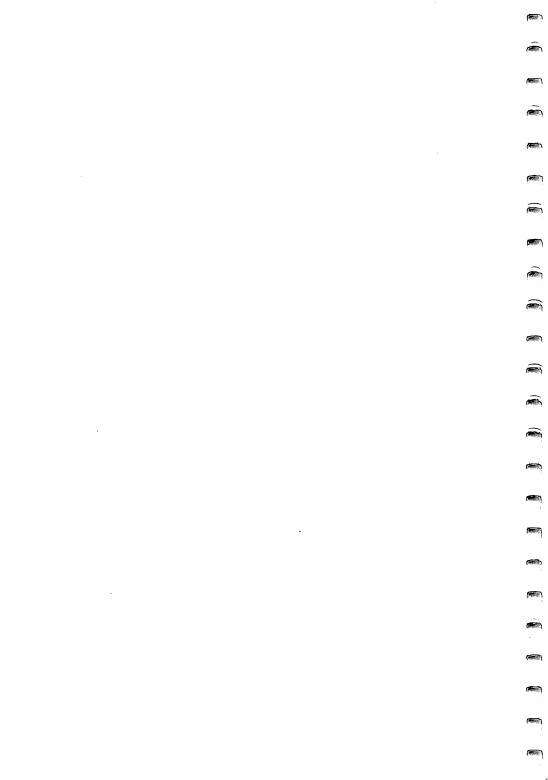
DELETE refers to a key on the keyboard, in this

case, the key marked 'DELETE'

CTRL BREAK means hold down the key marked 'CTRL'

while you press the key marked 'BREAK'

Note: it does not matter whether you type your information or your replies to prompts in upper or lower case, except in the case of passwords (see the section on *Using the password facility*). The system will accept and recognise either case.



1 Accountant

Accountant is a simple but flexible accounting system suitable for small companies who have decided to computerise their accounts and book-keeping systems.

You can use it to run the whole of your accounting system, or just use it for parts of it, such as petty cash, or your cash book.

To make it as easy as possible for you to change from a manual to a computerised system, Accountant has been designed to follow closely the manual process of writing up a sales daybook, purchase daybook and cash book.

It has also been designed to allow you to record and analyse information with the minimum of effort and to help you to do this, a nominal ledger has been included.

Special attention has been given to VAT returns, audit trails, transaction details and data validation, to provide you with the maximum flexibility.

A password system has also been incorporated into Accountant, designed to make certain sections of Accountant secure. You give the section you want to secure, a particular password, and then the information in it can only be reached by using this password.

The system

The Accountant system, in detail, is as follows. It has three main parts which are:

- nominal ledger
- sales daybook
- purchase daybook.

The **nominal ledger** has two main functions. It:

- records details of the company (you enter these when you first start using Accountant)
- records the analysis of transactions (in this way it contains all the details and information of the accounts involved in the sales and purchase daybooks as they do not store details of individual customers and suppliers).

The way in which the nominal ledger records transactions is very simple. Each type of transaction has its own particular account in the nominal ledger, for example:

- a 'Wages account' would record the payments for employee wages
- a 'Light and heat account' would record invoices for electricity, gas, oil, and so on.

Each of these accounts is given a number, so that if you want to analyse a transaction to an account, you just type in the account number, (not the whole of the account description), when you are making the entry in a daybook. If you need to make adjustments, you do so using the journal entry facility which is also included in the nominal ledger.

The sales daybook processes and analyses:

- credit sales invoices
- cash sales, inclusive or exclusive of VAT
- sales credit notes
- credit sales receipts
- cash receipts
- miscellaneous receipts

and then posts them to the relevant nominal ledger accounts.

The sales daybook also stores and reports on VAT output tax.

The **purchase daybook** is similar to the sales daybook. It processes and analyses:

supplier purchase invoices

- cash purchases, inclusive or exclusive of VAT
- purchase credit notes
- credit purchase payments
- cash payments
- miscellaneous payments

and then posts them to the relevant nominal ledger accounts.

The purchase daybook also stores and reports on VAT input tax.

Entering transactions

In Accountant you enter several transactions at a time. Entering transactions in this way is known as 'batch entry', because you are entering transactions in batches. Accountant expects all its entries to be 'batch entries'.

Entering transactions in this way helps you to make sure that the correct transaction details have been entered into the system. Accountant does this by automatically adding up the transactions as you are entering them, and then checking its total against the batch or check total that you enter at the end of the batch.

Make sure that you have this total available when the system asks for it, by adding up the total value of the batch before you start entering the individual transactions into the system.

If you have made a mistake in either your transaction entries or your calculated total, the two totals will not agree. You can then check back over your entries and calculations to find out where the mistake is and the system will give you the opportunity of correcting it by changing either a transaction entry or the batch total.

Posting transactions

Posting transactions to a nominal account when you are making entries in the daybooks is very simple. The system will ask you to which nominal account number you want the transaction to be posted. You type in the number of the appropriate account and the system will automatically carry out the transaction posting for you.

When you enter a transaction into a daybook, its postings in the nominal ledger are:

- to the nominal account to which you want it to be analysed (see the section which follows on *nominal accounts*)
- to the control account which is being used for that type of transaction (see the following section on control accounts).

These two postings are made in different ways:

- postings to the analysis account are made for each individual transaction when it is being entered
- the posting to the control account is the total of the batch of which the individual transactions are a part.

Nominal accounts

When you buy a cash book or a daybook for a manual accounting system the pages of the book will be printed with column headings, such as 'Wages' and 'Light and heat'. These headings show you to which column you should make your entries. Where you need different headings, you either change the headings given, or use the extra columns without headings, to enter your own headings.

You make similar divisions in the nominal ledger by setting up accounts with the titles 'Wages', 'Light and heat' and so on. You enter information into these accounts by posting individual transactions to them from the sales and purchases daybooks, or adjustments through journals in the nominal ledger.

Control accounts

The function of a control account is to show, in total, the transactions that have been posted separately to a number of different accounts.

A number of control accounts are used, each recording particular types of transaction in total; for example, a sales control account records all credit sales transactions in total; sales invoices, sales credit notes and credit sales cash received. Because all sales credit transactions are posted to the sales control account, the balance on that account at any one time represents the total amount due from

customers, that is, debtors. The same can be said for the other control accounts. To summarise:

- the sales control account shows the balance due from sales debtors
- the purchases control account shows the balance due to purchases creditors

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- the VAT control account shows the total due to or from the Customs and Excise
- the bank account is also a type of control account and shows the total due from the bank, that is, the current balance, or due to the bank, that is, the current overdraft.

Accountant's example chart of accounts

Using again the example of a cash or daybook bought for a manual system which contains headings already printed for you — to give you the same convenience in this computerised system, Accountant comes to you with a set of accounts already set up which include some of the basic accounts you will need to set up your accounting system.

You can use these to experiment with, and when you feel confident that you know how to set up your particular accounting system and what accounts you need, you can add to, or delete these to suit your own requirements. To help you do this there is a full chart of accounts detailed in chapter 10. Accountant example chart of accounts.

This chart of accounts has a large number of nominal ledger accounts, logically grouped into sections such as, trading accounts, profit and loss accounts and so on. It also has all the necessary control accounts, including the VAT control account.

You can use this chart as it stands, or you can use it as guidance, taking from it just the accounts and sections that are applicable to your company and adding to these. Your accountant will be able to help you decide which accounts you need, if you are unsure.

Full details and an explanation of this chart are at the back of this guide in chapter 10, Accountant example chart of accounts.

The guide

The first part of this guide introduces you to Accountant and gives you hints on how to work with the system.

If you just want to use it as a home cash book, the following sections will be of most use to you:

- cash sales (page 71)
- miscellaneous receipts (page 78)
- cash purchases (page 105)
- miscellaneous payments (page 112).

If you want to use Accountant for your business needs, the following shows you how the guide is divided up.

Chapters 3 to 5 tell you how to set up your accounting system and give you a chance to experiment with the basic example system, before you move on to setting up the accounts your company will use.

Chapters 6 to 8 take you step-by-step through the three parts of the system showing you what you can do in each section, how the sections interrelate, and how best to use them.

Chapter 9 details a possible chart of nominal accounts.

Chapter 10 explains in detail a possible chart of accounts. This chart can be used as it stands, if you are unsure how to apply it to your own individual needs, or you can use it as an indication of what to be thinking of when you devise your own system and you can extract from it what accounts appear to be relevant to your needs.

Chapter 11 tells you how to use the password facility.

Before you start, read carefully your Z80 user guide. It contains essential information on setting up your equipment, loading its operating system, preparing discs and making back-up copies.

It is essential that you take regular and frequent backups of your discs, in particular, your data or files disc.

This is true for all discs, but particularly so in an accounting package, where, if information was lost through a disc being damaged, for instance, it would take a long time to reconstruct that information.

2 Working with Accountant

This chapter introduces you to using Accountant and explains some ideas on which the system is based. You should read it before starting to set up your accounts.

The screen

Accountant is designed so that you can run the system by following the information displayed on the screen, without having to keep referring to the guide.

The screen displays lists of things that you can do (options to choose from). These are called 'menus'. You use these menus to move through the system and progress with your accounts.

Decide what option you require from the menu and then type in the number next to it and press the key marked 'RETURN'. We refer to this key on the screen as 'ENTER' to remind you that when you press **RETURN**, you are entering into the program the information which you have just typed. We show this in the guide as:

type <option number>RETURN

If you want to return to a previous menu, just press **RETURN** without typing in an option number. If there is no previous menu, pressing **RETURN** will take you out of the system. You should do this whenever you want to leave Accountant.

Messages and prompts

Accountant displays on the screen:

- messages which are lines of information telling you what the system is doing at that moment, and
- prompts which tell you what to do next.

Examples

Message Printing audit trail

Prompt Enter VAT amount

The rectangular flashing light on the screen is called the 'cursor'. This shows you where the next character you type in will appear on the screen. At times, it also shows you what to do next, by moving automatically to the position where you are next to enter information.

The keyboard

RETURN indicates that you want Accountant to act upon the data you have typed in or the option you have chosen.

DELETE wipes from the screen the character immediately preceding the flashing cursor, if you press **DELETE** before you press **RETURN**.

Function keys

These are the red keys at the top of your keyboard. Each of these keys has been programmed to carry out an Accountant operation.

Use:

fØ	end	to leave an option (END on the screen display)
f2	create ⁻	to input new information (CRE on the screen display)
f3	amend	to change information already entered (AME on the screen display)
f4	review	to look at information already entered (REV on the screen display)
f5	print	to print out saved information (PRT on the screen display) Note: you should check that your printer is switched on and the paper lined up before you press this key
f7 f8	delete cancel	to erase an entry (DEL on the screen display) to cancel a number of entries (CAN on the screen display)

You will be told in the guide when to use these keys.

Turn to the page for Accountant in your function key cards to give you a quick reference to the keys and their meanings.

Entering data

You enter data in the following way:

- type in the data you want to enter, using the keyboard as a typewriter
- press **RETURN** to confirm what you have typed and get the computer to act upon that information.

If you need to type in an answer to a prompt, such as:

Details ok? (Y/N/END)

you either:

- type Y and press RETURN to accept the details, or
- type N and press RETURN to reject the details and allow you to enter the correct details, or
- press the function key called end to stop that particular operation altogether.

We show this in the manual as:

type Y RETURN to accept the details
N RETURN to amend the details

end to stop the operation you are performing.

Dates are prompted for in Accountant as:

Date DDMMYY

which means that you type in two digits each for the day, month and year. When you press **RETURN** to confirm the date, the system automatically divides the numbers into day, month and year with / signs.

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To work with your Accountant package, you will need to use your working copies of **start-of-day** disc and the **Accountant system** disc, which you received with your system.

The **start-of-day** disc contains the operating system, utilities and special routines to set up the machine at the start of each session.

The **Accountant system** disc contains all the software necessary to create the files and maintain your data.

You will also need a blank disc which has been prepared (formatted) for recording your data. (See your *Z80 user guide* for details of how to do this.)

Note: as previously mentioned, make sure you keep back-up copies of all your discs so that, in the event of any of your data becoming corrupted or lost, you will still have that information on another disc. Make these copies regularly, at the end of each day, for instance, and especially after you have just entered a lot of valuable information into Accountant. (See the *Z80 user guide* for details of copying discs.)

Starting

This is the procedure you will have to follow each time you start using Accountant.

Make sure that both disc drives are empty, and that everything is switched on.

Flip over your function key cards until they are open at the page showing the keys for Accountant, if you have not already done so.

Put your start-of-day working disc into drive A.

Don't use the disc which came with the Z80 pack. Use the copy you have taken of it and make sure that this disc does not have a write-protect patch on it.

If you need to load CP/M:

press CTRL BREAK

Note: you must hold CTRL down while pressing BREAK.

Prompt A>

If you have been using a different program:

type CTRL C

Prompt A>

Type Start RETURN

You will now see a copyright message while the system loads the software.

Prompt Please enter today's date (DDMMYY) ('END' to exit program)

Type <day><month><year> RETURN

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If the date is 12th April, 1984:

type 12**0**484

Prompt Date OK? (Y/N/END)

Type Y RETURN to accept the date

N RETURN to enter another date to leave the program.

When you've confirmed that the date is correct, you will see:

prompt Please load program disk on drive A and file disk on drive B

Press 'ENTER' when ready ...

Take out your start-of-day working disc and replace it with your working copy of the Accountant system disc.

Put the files or data disc that came with the Z80 pack, into drive B, or, if you want to start setting up your accounting system completely from scratch, without using the accounts already set up for you, put a blank, formatted disc into drive B.

Whichever disc you choose to use, the disc in drive B will be used to record all your information. Label this disc 'Accountant data disc'.

You are now ready to start using your program so:

press RETURN

COMPANY MENU

- 1. Your company name
- 2. Change discs other menus

This is the company menu, which will show a list of all the companies in your particular system.

The first thing you should do is to enter your company's name into the menu, instead of the words Your company name. To do this:

press amend

The menu will disappear for a moment and then reappear with a dotted line next to option 2.

Type 1 RETURN

Prompt Enter COMPANY description 'DEL' to delete

The cursor moves to the first character of the company name in option 1.

Type <your company name>RETURN

Prompt ENTER COMPANY NUMBER

The cursor moves to the first digit of the company number. Do not change this, just:

press RETURN

Prompt 'END' To end maintenance

The cursor is now at the Select number position.

Press end

Chapter 11 has details of the password system for you to refer to, if you want to use it.

When you have entered your company's name, you are ready to start working with the accounts.

Prompt Select number

Select the number corresponding to the company whose accounts you want to work with.

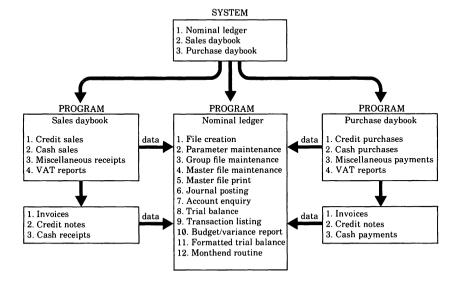
Type <selected number> RETURN

SYSTEM MENU

- 1. Nominal ledger
- 2. Sales daybook
- 3. Purchase daybook
- 4. Change discs other menus

This is a list of the three systems which make up Accountant.

Each of these systems has its own sub-menu or menus, as shown in the diagram below:



Finishing a session

It is very important to finish a session with Accountant in the right way or you may corrupt or lose some of your data.

If you have been entering data, you must finish typing in all the necessary information for that screen. Then:

press end

as soon as a prompt which includes END appears. This indicates that you want to finish what you are doing and return to the menu. When you are at a menu, you should should press RETURN repeatedly until you leave the program.

Note: it may be necessary to press end twice where there is more that one step to go through before you return to the menu.

Warning: if you have to leave the computer during a session with Accountant, it is best to leave the computer with the system menu on the screen, rather than in the middle of entering a batch. This is so that if anything happens to the computer while you are away, such as a power failure, you will be able to re-start the program easily without losing any data.

3 First stages in setting up the system

There are four stages in setting up your system before you can start entering transactions. These are:

- creating your files
- setting up company details (this includes indicating the codes to be used for the control accounts)
- setting up group codes
- setting up your nominal ledger accounts (including the control accounts indicated in the company details).

All these stages take place in the nominal ledger section of the system, so we must first go to the nominal ledger.

Select 1 RETURN

from the system menu for nominal ledger.

Nominal ledger

PROGRAM MENU

- 1. File creation
- 2. Parameter maintenance
- 3. Group file maintenance
- 4. Master file maintenance
- 5. Master file print
- 6. Journal posting
- 7. Account enquiry
- 8. Trial balance
- 9. Transaction listing
- 10. Budget/variance report
- 11. Formatted trial balance
- 12. Monthend routine

Creating your files

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First you have to create data files on a disc ready for use by the system.

If you are using the data disc which came with the Z80 pack, you will not need to carry out this operation, as the files have already been created for you.

If you are not using this disc, use a blank formatted disc.

You cannot carry out any work using Accountant until your files have been created. To do this:

select 1 RETURN

from the menu for file creation.

Prompt Enter drive name for files (or END)

(Valid drive names are A,B)

Files are created on the disc in the drive you specify, normally drive B, so:

type B RETURN

Prompt Is the files disc present on drive B

(Y/N/CAN)

type Y RETURN if the blank, formatted disc is in the drive NRETURN if you need to insert the disc

cancel returns you to the nominal ledger menu.

If you type N:

prompt Please place file disk in drive B.
Press 'ENTER'

Insert the disc into the drive and press RETURN.

As the files are created, their description is displayed on the screen:

Nominal master file successfully created Nominal transaction file successfully created Nominal format file successfully created Nominal parameter file successfully created Sales parameter file successfully created Nominal work file successfully created Daybook work VAT file successfully created Purchase VAT file successfully created Sales VAT file successfully created Daybook work file successfully created

When the files have been created, you return automatically to the nominal ledger menu.

If the files are not successfully created, do not attempt to use them, but try to create them again on a new formatted disc.

Note: the file creation program is only run when the system is first set up, or when new files are needed for an additional company.

If you do try to run this program a second time Accountant will tell you the files have already been created.

Setting up company and control account details

Next, set up the company details which Accountant needs, to be able to run the system.

Select 2 RETURN

from the nominal ledger menu for parameter maintenance.

The parameters are the pieces of information that the system needs, in order to keep your accounting records properly.

If you are using the data disc included with the Z80 pack, you will see the following screen.

If you are setting up the system from scratch, the screen will not display any information other than the field headings.

```
Fin.year end :11/11/11
Company
                               Current period:11/11
 Address 1:
       2:
                               VAT reg. No
       3:
                               VAT period end:11/11
       4.
                               VAT period
                                          • 0
Stand alone nominal?(Y/N): N
                           VAT Control A/c
                                                     : 1570
                           Credit Sales Control A/c
                                                     : 1320
Budgets used?
                (Y/N) : N
                           Credit Purchases Control A/c : 1500
                           Bank account nominal code
                                                     : 1380
VAT rates :
         1
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Prompt AME/PRT/END ?

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Press amend to enter all the necessary details.

As you enter data the cursor moves automatically to the areas on the screen into which you put information, such as entering your company name into the space next to the word 'Company'. These areas are called 'fields'. When you have entered information into one field and pressed **RETURN** to show that you want the details entered into the system, the cursor will move to the next field.

Key in the following details when the cursor moves to that field and then press **RETURN** to enter them into the system.

Company (up to 30 letters/numbers)

This is your company name and it is used to head reports and screen displays.

Address (4 lines of up to 30 letters/numbers each) Your company address.

Fin. year end (DDMMYY)

The date of the end of your company's financial year.

Current period (MMYY)

This is used to show the first month for which you require a month end report. The date would usually be the month that you first started using the system.

VAT reg. No.

Your company's VAT registration number.

VAT period end (MMYY)

The end date of the VAT period you are in, which will depend upon what periods were allotted to you when you first registered your company with the Customs and Excise. You will find the period on your current VAT return.

VAT period (Q,M)

Type QRETURN if you have quarterly VAT periods or

just press **RETURN** to accept Q if you are using the data disc supplied with the Z80

pack

MRETURN if you have monthly VAT periods.

Control accounts

For each of the following control accounts, you have to type in the code you have chosen for it. If, at this moment, you have not devised a coding system for your accounts, or are unclear as to how to do it, you can leave the code number already set for you by Accountant by pressing **RETURN**, if you are working with the data disc supplied with the Z80 pack.

VAT Control A/c (up to 8 digits)

Type in the code number you have chosen for the VAT control account, or press **RETURN** to leave the pre-set code unchanged. This account shows the current financial balance either due from, or due to, the Customs and Excise.

Credit Sales Control A/c (up to 8 digits)

Type in the code number you have chosen for the credit sales control account, or press **RETURN**, to leave the pre-set code unchanged. This account will give you information relating to the net balance outstanding from unpaid sales invoices (debtors).

Credit Purchases Control A/c (up to 8 digits)

Type in the code number you have chosen for the credit purchases control account or press **RETURN** to leave the pre-set code unchanged. This account will give you information relating to the net balance outstanding on unpaid suppliers' invoices (creditors).

Bank account Nominal Code (up to 8 digits)

Type in the code number you have chosen for the bank account or press **RETURN** to leave the pre-set code unchanged. This account stores details of the money your company has received and paid out.

Important note: although you have keyed in the account numbers you've chosen for the four control accounts, entering these account numbers has not created the actual accounts in the system. You will still need to set them up in the nominal ledger when you set up your other accounts — using the master file maintenance option which is option number 4 on the nominal ledger menu. (If you are using the data disc supplied with the Z80 pack, and have not altered the control account numbers, you will find that these accounts are among those set up already in master file maintenance.)

Make sure that when you come to set up the control accounts, you use the same codes as you have here. If they are different, the system will try to post transactions to the control account numbers keyed in here, not the code numbers used when you set up the accounts in master file maintenance which could lead to errors in the system.

If you do not set up the control accounts, using option 4, you will not be allowed to enter any transactions.

Stand alone nominal?

Type Y RETURN

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if you do not wish the nominal ledger to be automatically updated by the sales and purchases daybook transactions if you do want the nominal ledger to be

N RETURN

if you do want the nominal ledger to be automatically updated, or press **RETURN** to accept the N already set. This would normally be the option you would choose.

Budgets used

Type Y RETURN if you want to use budgets

NRETURN if you don't want to use budgets.

Budget periods (4/12/13)

If you typed Y in answer to the Budgets used? (Y/N) prompt, you can specify the number of budget periods you want.

Type 4 RETURN for quarterly budget periods

12 RETURN for calendar-monthly budget periods 13 RETURN for four-weekly budget periods.

VAT rates (a percentage)

Accountant allows for up to 9 VAT rates under codes 1 to 9. Code 0 will automatically be used for zero-rated VAT items and code 1 is already set for 15%.

When you have entered all the details you need, you will see:

prompt AME/PRT/END ?

Press amend to amend any details you have put in

print to print them out

end to end the operation, saving the

information you ve entered.

It's a good idea to print out the information to give you a permanent record, to which you can refer if you need to check the codes for the nominal accounts or any other information.

When the printing has finished press end to finish the maintenance of the parameters.

You then return to the nominal ledger menu and you can either go through the rest of the setting up options for group codes and nominal ledger accounts, if you are setting up your system from scratch, (in which case, turn now to chapter 5), or, if you are using the data disc which came with the Z80 pack, you can now experiment with the system to familiarise yourself with it (go to the next chapter, 4).

4 Trying out Accountant

To start you off and to give you an idea of how to use Accountant and how to adapt it for your particular company, Accountant contains a few accounts already set up for you to experiment with.

These accounts are not intended to be all the accounts you might need — they are just suggestions of accounts you might want to use so that you can get a feel for the Accountant program.

When you have experimented enough, and feel that you understand how to use the program, you can set up your own system, either by adding to and amending the accounts already set up, or by setting up a totally new system, using a new data disc. In both cases, refer to the chart of accounts, chapter 10 for guidance.

Your accountant will be able to give you advice if you need it.

How to use the example chart of accounts

Before you can start to experiment with the accounts already set up for you, you need to know what they are. You find this out by asking Accountant to print out the accounts it contains.

Select 1 from the system menu, for nominal ledger, and then choose 5 for master file print.

Continue? (Y/END)

First account number

Last account number

Type Y RETURN and then press RETURN twice to allow the print to run from the first account number to the last account number.

Accountant will then print out a list of accounts, showing their account numbers, descriptions, group numbers, type, budget type and balances.

Study this list carefully, marking on the printout the accounts you think you will need to use. You will notice that the last four accounts on the list are the control accounts which you must have to be able to run an accounting system.

You will notice, also, that the account numbers are so spaced that, when you come to set up your own system, there is room for you to insert extra accounts in their correct order, if you need to.

Go now to the sales or purchase daybook sections of the program, by selecting either 2 or 3 from the system menu, and try entering some transactions. Use the printout to refer to for account descriptions and numbers and chapters 7 and 8 for details of the sales and purchase daybook.

When you have finished experimenting with the pre-set accounts, you can either go straight to setting up the information in your accounting system, or move on to the next section, which will explain the rest of the options on the nominal ledger menu.

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5 Setting up group codes and nominal ledger accounts

Group codes

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Before you set up the master accounts files, decide whether you want to set codes for separate groups of accounts. This would give you the ability to look at information according to a certain group by allowing you to group together similar accounts under one group code.

If you are using the data disc received with the Z80 pack, you will find that these groups have already been set up for you, and that they divide the accounts into groups of trading accounts, manufacturing accounts, overhead accounts and so on.

If you would like to see what groups have been set up, select option 3 and press print to have the details printed out for you.

If you don't want to use group codes, go on to set up your accounts, using the master file maintenance option of the nominal ledger.

Example

To analyse expenses between departments, you would give every account relating to particular departments the same code, such as 01. You can then produce a formatted trial balance which will group together all accounts by department code, subtotalling each department's nominal account balances.

To use this facility consider what group divisions you need and devise a suitable coding system for them.

Select 3 RETURN

from the nominal ledger menu for group file maintenance.

Function: (CRE/AME/DEL/PRT/END)

Group code:

Group description:

Press create

Key in the following details when the cursor moves to that field and press **RETURN** to enter them into the system.

Group code: (number from 0 to 99) A code for the first group.

Group description: (up to 40 letters/numbers) A description of the group.

Prompt Details OK? (Y/N/CAN)

Type Y RETURN to accept the details

N RETURN to amend the details cancel to cancel that entry.

If you accept the details, you will see:

message Created group code: <code number>

You may create up to 100 groups in this way.

When you have finished press end instead of typing in a new code, then press end again when the cursor returns to the 'function' line.

You may also press amend, delete or print at this point, if you want to carry out one of these operations before ending.

Your group codes are now set up.

Setting up your nominal ledger accounts

Next you must set up your accounts in the nominal ledger. Don't attempt to run your Accountant system until you have planned the structure of your accounts and set them up using the master file maintenance option.

If you try to run the system without doing this, there will be nowhere for the data you have entered to be posted to.

Guidelines

NAME:

Once you have set up the accounts, it is not easy to restructure the ledger or introduce another coding system, so plan carefully how to analyse and code the data stored within your system.

- 1 If you feel that you need help in deciding what accounts to use, ask your accountant for advice. He will be able to help you with any special analysis accounts, (for example, 'repairs and renewals' or 'entertaining') which are needed for year-end returns. These can be analysed throughout the year to avoid unnecessary work at the end of the year.
- 2 Discuss with your accountant, if necessary, the coding system you propose, to make sure that the system produces the information you need for your year-end accounts.
- 3 Try to keep the coding simple and logical. Accountant allows you to have an account code of up to 8 digits, but you do not need all these digits if you only want to create a few accounts. Remember that:
- the more complicated the codes, the more mistakes will be made when they are typed in
- the shorter the code the quicker it is to key in.

There is an example of a coding system at the end of this guide.

4 You can, in addition to the group system mentioned in the last section, use the nominal codes themselves to categorise groups of accounts. You will not be able to produce reports in Accountant, using these groups, but you could do so using Nucleus, one of the other programs you received with your Z80 pack. This program could be used to write a report program for you, using the groups, and the program could be added to your Accountant nominal menu.

- 5 Leave gaps in appropriate places in the numbering sequence so that new accounts can be added later.
- 6 Balance sheet accounts should be grouped in sequence, so that they can easily be identified from the profit and loss accounts.
- 7 When the accounts have been set up, print out a hard copy of them and check it carefully, correcting any errors at this stage.

If you are using the data disc supplied with the Z80 pack, there are a number of accounts already set up for you. To see these accounts, use option 5 from the nominal menu, to print them out. You can then amend, add to or delete accounts, from the accounts already set up. How to do this is explained in the next section.

Creating your accounts

When you have planned your coding system you are ready to set up the accounts.

Select 4 RETURN

for master file maintenance.

Function: (CRE/AME/REV/DEL/END)

ACCOUNT GROUP TYPE DESCRIPTION BALANCE YEAR TO DATE

(or END)

BUDGET TYPE Ø = No budget

1 = Equal budgets

2 = Variable budgets

Note: if you previously indicated in the parameter maintenance, that you did not want to use budgets, the part of the above display relating to budgets will not appear.

Press create

Key in the following data when prompted and then press **RETURN**.

ACCOUNT (up to 8 digits)
The account number.

GROUP (2 digits)

An additional category for analysis in the nominal ledger. Type in the number you specified in option 3 if you set up group codes or press **RETURN** to leave the field blank.

TYPE (single digit code)

This is another subdivision of accounts which will be shown on printouts, for example, giving separate codes to nuts, bolts and washers. The accounts cannot be sorted according to this code: it is for reference on printouts only.

Note: TYPE also has the following use:

if you choose 0 as the type code for an account, its balance will be brought to zero at the final monthend routine for the year, which also does the year-end adjustment. (Option 12 of the nominal ledger menu is the monthend routine).

The system makes sure that in total, the balances of all type 0 accounts cancel each other out, making a zero overall balance write-off. If not, you need to make a journal entry to make the overall balance zero, before the year-end routines can be completed

• if you choose codes 1 to 9 as the type code, then the balance at the end of the year on that account will not be brought to zero, but will be carried forward to the following year. For more information on the use of type code 0, see the description of the use of the profit and loss account in chapter 10, Accountant example chart of accounts.

If you are not sure how to use this facility, use codes 1-9. Do not just press **RETURN** as this will automatically give you a type \emptyset .

DESCRIPTION (up to 30 letters/numbers) Account description.

BUDGET TYPE

You will only be asked to enter budget information if, in option 2 from the nominal menu, parameter maintenance, you entered Y to the Budgets used? (Y/N) prompt. Enter the budget type as follows:

No budget Ø

1 Equal budgets — the budget you enter will be divided equally between the budget periods you chose in parameter maintenance:

> quarterly (4) calendar-monthly (12) four-weekly (13)

Note: in situations where the budget you have chosen cannot be divided equally between the periods you have specified, Accountant adds the remainder to the amount in the final period. For example, if your specified budget is £25.00 and there are 4 budget periods, period 4 will be allotted a budget of £7.00.

Variable budgets — you can select a unique budget for 2 each budget period (4, 12 or 13), making sure that the total of the period budgets adds up to what you've entered for the yearly budget.

Note: when you enter an amount for a budget on a particular account, if the account is a sales or revenue account, or an account recording cash received, the budget should be entered as a negative figure.

If the account is a purchases or overhead account, or an account recording cash paid, the budget should be entered as a normal positive amount without a minus sign.

Details OK? (Y/N/CAN) Prompt

Y RETURN to enter the details into the nominal ledger Type N RETURN cancel

to amend the details to delete the whole entry.

Repeat this for all your accounts, then press end at the account code prompt to finish creating accounts.

You can then press end to finish all the account maintenance or amend, review or delete if you want to carry out any of these operations.

Printing out the nominal ledger accounts

When you have entered all your nominal ledger accounts, print out a list of them to refer to, when you are coding invoices or other documents.

Select 5 RETURN

from the nominal ledger menu for master file print.

Continue? (Y/END) First account number Last account number

Type Y RETURN

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Key in the following details when the cursor moves to that field and then press **RETURN** to enter them into the system.

First account number

Type in the number of the first account that you want printed out, or press **RETURN** for the first account in the system.

Last account number

Type in the number of the last account you want printed out, or press **RETURN** for the last account in the system.

Check that the printer is switched on and the paper correctly aligned.

To start printing, confirm that the details are correct by typing Y **RETURN**.

You have now finished setting up your system.

6 Nominal ledger

This chapter takes you through the rest of the options available in the nominal ledger (the ones you don't use in setting up). The first five options of the menu, which you use in setting up, were explained in chapter 3.

Throughout the rest of this section, you select the option you require from the nominal ledger menu by

typing <option number>RETURN

Journal posting – option 6

This is used for direct entry of information stored in the nominal ledger, such as:

- opening (or brought-forward) balances: these are only entered once, when you first set up the system
- depreciation
- petty cash analysis
- month-end adjustments
- pre-payments and accruals
- any other entries which are not necessarily associated with the sales or purchase daybook systems.

You enter the transactions in batches, as previously explained. These batches should not be too large — preferably not more than 100 transactions — so that if there are any posting errors they can be found quickly. (The system can handle a maximum of 200 transactions per batch.)

When you make a journal entry in the nominal ledger it must consist of two entries, the debit and the credit aspects of the same entry. Your batch can include all types of journals and the system will update the relevant accounts for you.

Default date: XXXXXX Default description:

First enter the default values you are going to use in this batch.

Default date (DDMMYY)

The date you typed in when you used the start-of-day disc will appear. You can either continue to use this as the default date by pressing **RETURN** or type in a new default date (for example, the date of most of the transactions to be entered).

Press end to return to the nominal ledger menu.

Default description (up to 18 letters/numbers)

This is provided to simplify the entry of the transaction description to be stored in the nominal ledger.

Example

If you are processing a batch of petty cash vouchers, the default description could be 'P/cash w/e 18 Jan' for petty cash, week ended 18th January.

ACCOUNT DATE REFERENCE DESCRIPTION DEBIT CREDIT

ACCOUNT

The number of the account being posted to. The description relating to the account number entered is then displayed.

DATE (DDMMYY)

The date of the transaction. This will appear on all reports and enquiry options, against the transaction details. **RETURN** gives you the default date.

REFERENCE (up to 6 letters/numbers)

This is to help trace the original source document. **RETURN** leaves the field blank if you do not want to use a reference.

DESCRIPTION (up to 18 letters/numbers)

This transaction description will be displayed on all enquiry options and the transaction listing. Press **RETURN** to leave the default description, which is displayed, or type in a different description and press **RETURN**.

DEBIT

If the amount to be posted is a debit, enter the amount in the DEBIT column.

CREDIT

If the amount to be posted is a credit, first press **RETURN** to move the cursor from the DEBIT to the CREDIT column without making an entry and then type in the amount. If you press **RETURN** without entering an amount, the cursor will return to the DEBIT column.

When you have typed in the debit or credit amount, you will see:

prompt Line OK? (Y/N/CAN)

Type Y RETURN to accept the line to amend the line to cancel the line.

If you press N RETURN so that you can change a debit to a credit entry, or the reverse, you should enter a zero in place of the existing incorrect entry, followed by RETURN. The cursor will then jump forward or back, whichever is relevant, to the next column to allow you to enter the correct entry.

Note: when you want to finish a batch in journal posting, the totals must equal zero, so you must make sure that the value of your entries results in this. In other words, the total of the debits must equal the total of the credits.

When your batch total equals zero you can end the batch.

Prompt Enter END to terminate batch

Press end

Message Batch number X - updating files now Files updated

When the updating is complete, Accountant automatically prints out the batch entry and returns to allow you to enter another batch. If you try to end the operation before the batch total is equal to zero, you will see: BATCH TOTAL NOT EQUAL TO ZERO message

RETURN Press

Prompt

Prompt

Batch total: XX.XX Cancel or Review (CAN/REV)

Press cancel to cancel the batch to look through the batch to amend an review entry. If you press cancel you will see:

End of run? (Y or 'ENTER') prompt

Type Y RETURN to end the batch and return to the menu **RETURN** to enter another batch.

If you press review you will see: Amend transaction? (Y or 'ENTER') prompt

Y RETURN to amend the entry Type RETURN to move to the next entry. This will repeat until you have been through all the batch entries.

End of batch? (Y or 'ENTER') You can again choose to make another entry or end the batch.

When you've finished entering all the batches, press end to return to

the nominal ledger menu.

Account enquiry - option 7

This displays on the screen details of any account and its transactions and prints these out, if required.

A/c No: (or END)

Type <required account number> RETURN

A/c No: XX (or END)

> Y.T.D. 0.00

CURRENT Ø.ØØ B/FWD Ø_ØØ

Prompt Display transactions? (Y/N/PRT)

Type

Y RETURN N RETURN to display the transactions

NRETURN if you don't want to display the transactions if you want a printout immediately.

If you type Y, the screen will look something like:

A/c No: XX (or End)

> Y.T.D. 0.00

CURRENT 0.00 B/FWD 0.00

CREDIT BALANCE

DATE REFERENCE DEBIT CREDIT
B/Fwd:

If there are more transactions than can be displayed on a single screen, press **RETURN** to display the next screen of transactions.

Prompt Hard copy? (Y/N)

Check that the printer is ready and

type

Y RETURN N RETURN to print out the details

to enter another account code without

printing.

Press end to end the program.

Note: codes listed under the heading REFERENCE in the above screen will contain a two letter prefix — either NL, SL or PL. This indicates the source of the transaction.

- NL for nominal ledger. This appears next to transactions which have been entered via the nominal ledger journal posting option.
- SL for sales daybook. This appears next to transactions which have been entered via the sales daybook and have passed through to the nominal ledger.
- PL for purchase daybook. This appears next to transactions which have been entered via the purchase daybook and have been passed through to the nominal ledger.

Trial balance – option 8

This prints out a nominal ledger trial balance including, in account order, all the accounts held in the nominal ledger master file.

Period balance required? (Y/N/END)

Date of report? (DDMMYY)

Line spacing required? (0-4)

You now need to specify how you want the trial balance to be printed:

Period balance required? (Y/N/END)

Choose whether to have a balance for the year-to-date only, or a period balance as well. At certain times (for example, when you are preparing year-end accounts) it may be helpful to show only the year-to-date figures.

Type

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Y RETURN

to give you a printout containing both period and year-to-date balances

N RETURN end period and year-to-date balances for year-to-date balances only to return to the menu.

Date of report? (DDMMYY)

Enter the report date for the trial balance. You can enter the monthend date for reporting purposes when the actual system date may be a number of days after the month-end period.

Line spacing required? (0-4)

Choose how many line spaces you want printed on the trial balance between each account. Ø gives you normal single line spacing. 1, 2, 3 and 4 give you the corresponding extra spaces.

This can be useful for preparing draft accounts or identifying prepayment and accrual journals which have to be made at financial period and year-ends. Spaces between accounts leaves room for adjustments and comments to be written on the printed trial balance.

Prompt Details OK? (Y/N)

Check that the printer is ready.

Type Y RETURN to accept the details NRETURN to amend them.

When the printing has finished you return to the nominal ledger menu.

Transaction listing – option 9

This provides an audit listing of all the transactions posted to accounts in the nominal ledger during a period. It gives an audit trail of the details processed during the period and links the current month's transactions to the previous period, by displaying the opening balance.

Note: it is important to ensure that the transaction listing is produced as a hard copy audit trail of all the information processed before the monthend routine is run — option 12 on the nominal ledger menu.

Enter heading date DDMMYY (or END)

Enter the required date, normally the date of the last day in the period.

Prompt Details OK? (Y/N)

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Type Y RETURN if the details are correct and the printer

ready

N RETURN to change them.

The listing is printed out, giving the account description together with all details of the transactions processed for the period. You then return to the nominal ledger menu.

Budget/variance report - option 10

If you are using budgets, this report compares actual expenditure for the current period, and the year-to-date, with the budgeted figures for the same periods. The comparison produces a variance which is expressed both in terms of pounds sterling and as a percentage, and these are printed out on the report.

Make sure that you've entered the original budgets, entered through the master file maintenance program, correctly.

For sales or revenue accounts requiring budgets the current period and year-to-date figures will appear as negative figures, because of accounting conventions used in the nominal ledger.

Note: you cannot produce a budget variance report for the accounts for which the budget type was \emptyset , when you set up your nominal ledger accounts.

(or END)	Heading date:
	From A/c:
	To A/c:
	Period:
	To A/c:

Key in the following data when prompted and press RETURN.

Heading date (DDMMYY)

The date for which the report is to be made. This appears at the top of each report. Press end to return to the menu.

From A/c (up to 8 digits)

The code of the account from which you wish the report to run or press **RETURN** for the first account.

To A/c (up to 8 digits)

The code of the account at which you wish the report to finish or press **RETURN** for the last account.

Period

The period number for which the budget comparisons are to be made. This could be the quarter number, calendar month number or four-weekly number.

When you have entered all the details, check that they are correct.

Prompt Details OK? (Y/N)

Make sure that the printer is ready and

type Y RETURN to print the details
N RETURN to amend the details.

You may print out as many of these reports as you wish.

When the printout is finished, you return to the nominal ledger menu.

Formatted trial balance – option 11

This program gives you a trial balance based on the group codes which you set up using group file maintenance. You can use this report as a working document to help in the consolidation of figures to be used in profit and loss reports and balance sheets.

It is particularly useful where expense items (such as costs for a specific vehicle) are handled by individual nominal ledger accounts, but are added together to produce a single figure when you print out profit and loss reports and balance sheets.

Setting a group code in option 3 enables the summarised format report to produce these figures automatically.

- Summary report only
 Detail report only
- Detail report onlyBoth reports

Select number (or END)

Date of report? (DDMMYY)

Period balance required? (Y/N) Line spacing required? (0-4)

From group To group

Report heading (max 40 chars)

First select the type of report you want by entering 1, 2 or 3 for summary, detail or both reports.

Type (1, 2 or 3) **R=TURN**

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Key in the following data when prompted and press RETURN.

Date of report (DDMMYY)

The date for which the report is to be run, which will appear at the top of all reports.

Period balance required (Y/N)

If you would like period balances to be shown as well as those for the year-to-date:

type Y RETURN to print a period balance as well as a year-to-date balance

NRETURN for a year-to-date balance only.

Line spacing required (0-4)

Specify the spacing you require between each line. 0 gives you single spacing. 1, 2, 3 or 4 give you the corresponding extra spaces.

From group

You may specify a range of group codes for which you require the report. Enter the code number of the group from which you wish the report to run or press **RETURN** for the first group code.

To group

The code number of the group to which you wish the report to run or press **RETURN** for the last group code.

Report heading (up to 40 letters/numbers)

Type in a suitable heading for the report or press **RETURN** to produce a standard heading automatically.

When you have entered all the above details, you will see:

prompt Details OK? (Y/N)

Make sure the printer is ready.

Type Y RETURN to print out the details N RETURN to amend the details.

When the printing has finished you return to the nominal ledger menu.

Monthend routine – option 12

This needs to be run at the end of every month, because there is limited space available on a floppy disc and it is necessary to make sure that you do not run out of space.

This routine clears all individual transactions from the files and carries forward the monthend balance into the next month, ready for you to continue entering transactions, so this program specifically clears the files of all current transactions and produces a single brought-forward balance for each account.

Note: if the routine is being run for the final month of the financial year, the above will only be the case where the account 'type' is not zero. If the 'type' is zero, the balance will be brought to zero, and not carried forward—see the section on Creating your accounts.

If it is a year-end routine and the 'type' zero accounts do not balance, you will see:

message TYPE Ø ACCOUNTS NOT BALANCED FOR YEAR END

Press RETURN to continue.

You will return to the nominal ledger menu from where you should make a journal correcting the position.

The current month's statistics are set to zero ready for the next month's figures.

Be sure that you have taken a back-up copy of the data disc, before running this program, and that you have produced all the necessary printouts of reports and audit trails, for example:

- trial balance (option 8)
- transaction listing (option 9)
- budget/variance report (option 10)
- formatted trial balance (option 11).

Remember that once the individual transactions have been erased from the files, they cannot be retrieved.

These reports give you a hard copy record of what has been processed during the month.

If you try to do a monthend routine when the financial year has ended, you will see:

message WARNING - FINANCIAL YEAR HAS ENDED

If the financial year has not ended, you will see:

NOMINAL LEDGER MONTH END UPDATE

WARNING - This program will set all balances to zero and remove all transactions from the transaction file

Do you want to continue? (Y/N)

Type Y RETURN if you are sure that you want to perform the

monthend routine

NRETURN to abandon the option.

If you type Y the routine will be carried out, followed by:
message Update complete 'ENTER' to continue

Press RETURN to return to the nominal ledger menu.

This is the last option on the nominal ledger menu. The following sections deal with the options available on the sales and purchase daybook systems.

7 Sales daybook

This part of the system processes sales invoices, credit notes and cash receipts, and analyses them under different categories. For example, the analysis of the value of the goods can be separated from the value of its postage and packing.

VAT statistics are stored separately for reporting at the end of the VAT period.

You can also produce a receipts cash book for three types of cash receipts:

- where payment has been made for sales involving credit
- a special daybook sheet for cash sales with detailed sales analysis
- miscellaneous or sundry cash, which is not involved in sales analysis, but is related to some nominal ledger transactions.

Batches

All processing to the sales daybook is carried out in batches which are numbered sequentially, each time you start a new one.

There are five batch types, some of which involve VAT analysis and some include discounted transactions:

- invoices
- credit notes
- cash receipts
- cash sales
- miscellaneous receipts.

When you enter a batch, remember to carry out the following operations beforehand.

1 Ensure that all entries in that batch are of the same type. (You cannot, for instance, enter an invoice transaction and a credit note transaction into the same batch).

- 2 Sort the transactions you wish to enter into batch type, before you start working with the system. This avoids wasting time and the possibility of errors with batch entry.
- Number sequentially, as an internal number, all the entries in 3 a batch, for easy reference.
- 4 Keep a record of the number of entries in the batch so that you can count them up to check that you've entered the whole batch.
- 5 Write, on each transaction document, the number of the nominal account to which you want to analyse the transaction.
- Calculate the total of the batch you are entering before you start your entry. Accountant asks you to enter this total when you have finished typing in all the required transactions. If you enter an incorrect total, it will not tally with Accountant's internal calculation and you will not be allowed to finish the batch until you've rectified the situation.

The batch totals for the various batch types will be, for:

sales invoices — the total of all the invoices in the batch, including VAT

- the total of all the credit notes in the batch, credit notes

including VAT

cash receipts - the total cash and all the discount allowed in the

batch

- the total of all cash sales documents entered, cash sales

including VAT

miscellaneous – the net total of all entries: if it is a credit, enter receipts the total as a negative number, preceding the

figure with a minus sign.

Note: the sales daybook doesn't store individual customer account details, but the control account in the nominal ledger allows an outstanding debtor figure to be shown. This figure cannot be verified within the program so, if you wish to keep a check on it, keep all unpaid credit sales invoices in a separate file. At any one time, the balance in the debtor control account should be equal to the value of the unpaid invoices.

At the end of all batch entries, an audit trail is printed out, as a hard copy record of your entries. These audit trail printouts should be filed together, as they will be valuable in tracing the path of documents through the system. They are also necessary so that the year-end audit, or accounting work can be carried out efficiently.

To use the sales daybook system:

select 2 RETURN

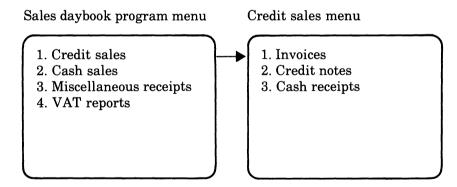
from the main systems menu for sales daybook.

Sales daybook

PROGRAM MENU

1. Credit sales
2. Cash sales
3. Miscellaneous receipts
4. VAT reports

The sales daybook section of Accountant has two menus which are interlinked as shown in the diagram below:



As you will see from the diagram, the main menu has four options:

Credit sales

Processes sales invoices, credit notes and cash receipts for the payment of credit sales. This option has three further menu options.

Cash sales

Processes transactions where credit facilities have not been extended, but you still require a detailed analysis of the sales. The automatic entries to the nominal ledger are a credit entry for the net value of sales (with a separate analysis for VAT) and a debit entry to the bank account.

Miscellaneous receipts

Allows for the entry of sundry cash receipts which are not supported by an invoice — for example, the payment of an insurance claim. These can be processed without affecting the sales control accounts or sales analysis.

VAT reports

Through a sub-menu, three VAT reports are available: a summary VAT report, a detailed VAT report, and a combined summary and detailed VAT report. The combined report should only be run at a VAT period-end, as it clears the cumulated VAT records for the period.

These are dealt with in the following sections.

Credit sales – option 1 Sales daybook program menu

Credit Sales

BATCH OPTIONS

- 1. Invoices
- 2. Credit Notes
- 3. Cash Receipts

Invoices - option 1 Credit sales menu

Batch number : INVOICES

Default nominal code:
Default date : Default description :

VAT
DATE REF.NO. NOM CODE VALUE CODE VAT TOTAL

First set the default values for this particular batch. These are the entries for date, nominal code and transaction description which Accountant will use if you press **RETURN** instead of entering data.

Key in the following details when the cursor moves to that field and press **RETURN** to enter them into the system.

Default date:

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Date as DDMMYY -- 'ENTER' for default -- END to exit

If all or most of the batch entries have the same date, enter this date which becomes the default date. The default date offered in this prompt is the date you first keyed in when you started this session with the start-of-day disc.

Default nominal code:

Enter nominal code - up to 8 digits or END

The code of the account most commonly posted to in this batch, normally a sales account. When you enter a nominal code, it will be absolved by the system and the account name displayed so that you

checked by the system and the account name displayed, so that you can check that you have selected the right account number.

Default description:

Enter transaction description

- up to 18 characters

A suitable general description of the transactions in the batch. If no such description is applicable, press **RETURN** to leave this field empty.

Prompt Details OK ? (Y/N/END)

Type Y RETURN to accept the details

NRETURN to change the details to return to the menu.

When you have accepted all the default values, you are ready to start typing in the individual transactions in the batch.

Key in the following data when prompted and press **RETURN**. Pressing **RETURN** on its own enters, where relevant, the default values you've set up.

DATE

Date as DDMMYY - 'ENTER' for default or END The date of the transaction.

REF.NO.

Enter reference up to 6 characters long

A reference, such as an invoice number, would be suitable, or enter your own internal number for the entry in the batch. This is printed on the audit trail and you can use it to check back to the original document. Pressing **RETURN** leaves the field empty.

DESCRIPTION: (up to 18 letters/numbers)

Enter description or 'ENTER' for default

This should give an indication of the goods relating to the invoice, or any other useful reference.

NOM CODE

Nominal ledger a/c No. - up to 8 digits or 'ENTER' for default

The code for the nominal ledger account which you require for analysis. (You may enter additional codes for each transaction in a multi-part invoice, if necessary, later in this option). The account description corresponding to the code you enter is displayed if you have not used the default code.

Note: you can only enter the code number of an account which you have already set up in Accountant, using the master file maintenance option. (See chapter 3).

VALUE

Goods amount - Figure net of VAT

The amount which relates to the nominal code you previously entered.

Note: if you want to post some of the total amount of an invoice to a nominal ledger account code other than the code you have just specified, enter here only the portion of the total amount which relates to the code just entered.

VAT CODE

Enter VAT code (Ø-9)

Use the code appropriate to the goods in this transaction, which you set up in the parameter maintenance option. (See chapter 3).

Note: you can have goods on the same invoice at different rates of VAT, for example, zero-rated postage and goods at standard rate. If this is the case, split the entry you make for the value of the transaction into the amounts appropriate to each VAT category applicable.

Prompt Additional nominal codes ? (Y/N/REV/CAN)

This allows for multiple posting of the total invoice amount.

Type Y RETURN to enter another nominal code for analysis

of the invoice

NRETURN if you don't want to use any other nominal

codes

review to look through what you've already

entered and change any part, if necessary

cancel to delete the invoice.

VAT

Enter VAT amount

The actual amount of VAT calculated on the VALUE for that invoice.

Note: the system does not automatically calculate the amount of VAT for you. The system assumes that the data has already been checked and all the necessary calculations made, outside it.

TOTAL

Enter gross amount

The total of the net value of the goods plus the VAT amount. The system checks that the detailed analysis entered under the VALUE heading plus the VAT equals the amount entered here.

If the figures do not agree, you will see:

message VALUE + VAT NOT EQUAL TO TOTAL

Press RETURN

Prompt Amend totals, Review or Cancel?
(AMF/RFV/CAN)

You can then either amend the VAT and invoice total, step back through the transaction and make the necessary alterations or cancel the entry.

When the totals match:

prompt Details Ok ? (Y/N/CAN)

Type Y RETURN to accept the entry

N RETURN to change it to delete it.

When you've accepted the input, you can either enter another invoice, or, if you have used several VAT codes, you will be asked to enter a split of the total VAT for the invoice.

This split is between the VAT codes that you have used. The amounts in the split of total VAT must add up to the total VAT entered on the invoice. The system will check that the VAT amounts add up correctly and if they do not, you will see:

message VAT ANALYSIS DOES NOT EQUAL TOTAL VAT

Press RETURN to continue.

You will then have to enter a correct split of VAT.

You can then enter another transaction in this batch.

Repeat this process until you have entered all the transactions in the hatch

To terminate the batch press end.

Note: check that your printer is ready, as Accountant will move automatically from this part of the program to the printout of the audit trail.

Enter gross total for batch Prompt.

The gross total is called the Prelist total on the screen. This is the total referred to at the beginning of this chapter which you calculated as part of your preparation for batch entry. It is the total of all the invoice totals in the batch.

Type <total> RETURN

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If the total is wrong the screen displays:

INVALID PRELIST TOTAL message -- Press 'ENTER' to continue.

RETURN Press to continue.

Prompt Amend total, review or cancel batch? (AME/REV/CAN)

Press to enter the correct total (the same as the amend

'machine total')

review to step through the batch, find the mistake and amend it; or to add another transaction

to delete the whole batch. cancel

When you've entered the correct prelist total you will see: message Please wait for audit trail

followed by a summary of the batch:

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Number of documents entered :
Number of lines entered :
Last input document Ref. No.:

Prelist total = Machine total =
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Message Printing audit trail

The batch audit trail is now printed out. It provides a report of all the details you've entered during the batch, with a detailed analysis of each transaction and two summaries, which are:

- details of the postings which have been made to the nominal ledger, with the figure that has been posted to the VAT control account and the sales (debtor) control account, and
- details produced for VAT purposes showing the goods and VAT analysis by VAT category. (These details are stored and may be printed by using option 4 of the sales daybook program menu.)

When the printing has finished, Accountant displays: message Updating nominal ledger

This completes the batch entry and posting and you return to the credit sales batch option menu.

Credit notes – option 2 Credit sales menu

Batch number:

CREDIT NOTES

Default date :

Default nominal code: Default description:

VALUE

VAT

DATE REF.NO. NOM CODE

CODE

VAT TOTAL

First set the default values for this particular batch. These are the entries for date, nominal code and transaction description which Accountant will use if you press RETURN instead of entering data.

Key in the following details when the cursor moves to that field and then press **RETURN** to enter them into the system.

Default date:

Date as DDMMYY -- 'ENTER' for default

-- END to exit

If all or most of the batch entries have the same date, enter this date which becomes the default date. The default date offered in this prompt is the date you first keyed in when you started this session with the start-of-day disc.

Default nominal code:

Enter nominal code - up to 8 digits or END

The code of the account most commonly posted to in this batch, normally a sales account. When you enter a nominal code, it will be checked by the system and the account name displayed, so that you can see that you have selected the right account number.

Default description:

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Enter transaction description

- up to 18 characters

A suitable general description of the transactions in the batch. If no such description is applicable, press **RETURN** to leave this field empty.

Prompt Details OK ? (Y/N/END)

Type Y RETURN to accept the details

NRETURN to change the details end to return to the menu.

When you have accepted the default values, you are ready to start typing in the individual transactions in the batch.

Key in the following data when prompted and press **RETURN**. Pressing **RETURN** on its own enters, where relevant, the default values you've set up.

DATE

Date as DDMMYY - 'ENTER' for default or END
The date of the transaction.

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Enter reference up to 6 characters long

A reference, such as a credit note number, would be suitable or enter your own internal number for the entry in the batch. This is printed on the audit trail and you can use it to check back to the original document. Press RETURN to leave the field empty.

DESCRIPTION: (up to 18 numbers/letters)

Enter description or 'ENTER' for default

This should describe the goods relating to the credit note, or any other useful reference.

NOM CODE

Nominal ledger a/c No.

- up to 8 digits or 'ENTER' for default

The code for the nominal ledger account which you require for analysis. (You can enter additional codes for each transaction, in a multi-part credit note, if necessary, later in this option). The account description corresponding to the code you enter is displayed if you have not used the default code.

Note: you can only enter the code number of an account which you have already set up in Accountant, using the master file maintenance option. (See chapter 3).

VALUE

Goods amount - Figure net of VAT

The amount which relates to the nominal code you previously entered.

Note: if you want to post some of the total amount of the credit note to a nominal code other than the one you've just entered, enter here only the portion of the total amount which applies to the code just entered.

VAT CODE

Enter VAT code (0-9)

Use the code appropriate to the goods in this transaction, which you set up in the parameter maintenance option. (See chapter 3).

Note: you can have goods on the same credit note at two different rates of VAT; for example, zero-rated postage and goods at standard rate. If this is the case, split the entry you make for the value of the transaction into the amounts appropriate to each VAT category applicable.

Prompt Additional nominal codes? (Y/N/REV/CAN) This allows for multiple posting of the total credit note amount.

Type Y RETURN to enter another nominal code for analysis

of the credit note

NRETURN if you don't want to use any other nominal

codes

review to look through what you've already

entered and change any part, if necessary

to delete the credit note.

VAT

Enter VAT amount

cancel

The actual amount of VAT calculated on the VALUE for that credit note.

Note: the system does not automatically calculate the amount of VAT for you. It assumes that the data has already been checked and all the necessary calculations made, outside it.

TOTAL

Enter gross amount

The total of the net value of the goods plus the VAT amount. The system checks that the detailed analysis entered under the VALUE heading plus the VAT equals the amount entered here.

If the figures do not agree, you will see:

message VALUE + VAT NOT EQUAL TO TOTAL

Press RETURN

Prompt Amend totals, Review or Cancel?
(AME/REV/CAN)

You can then either amend the VAT and invoice total, step back through the transaction and make the necessary alterations or cancel the entry.

When the totals match:

prompt Details Ok ? (Y/N/CAN)

Type Y RETURN to accept the entry

N RETURN to change it to delete it.

When you've accepted the input, you can either enter another credit note or, if you have used several VAT codes, you will be asked to enter a split of the total VAT for the credit note.

This split is between the VAT codes that you have used. The amounts in the split of total VAT must add up to the total VAT entered on the credit note. The system will check that the VAT amounts add up correctly and if they do not, you will see:

message VAT ANALYSIS DOES NOT EQUAL TOTAL VAT

Press RETURN to continue.

You will then have to enter a correct split of VAT.

You can then enter another transaction in this batch.

Repeat this process until you have entered all the transactions in the batch.

To terminate the batch press end.

Note: check that your printer is ready, as Accountant will move automatically from this part of the program to the printout of the audit trail.

Prompt Enter gross total for batch

The gross total is called the Prelist total on the screen. This is the total referred to at the beginning of this chapter which you calculated as part of your preparation for batch entry. It is the total of all the credit note totals in the batch.

Type <total>RETURN

If the total is wrong, the screen displays:

message INVALID PRELIST TOTAL
-- Press 'ENTER' to continue.

Press RETURN to continue.

Prompt Amend total, review or cancel batch ?
(AME/REV/CAN)

Press amend to enter the correct total (the same as the 'machine total')

review to step through the batch, find the mistake

and amend it; or to add another transaction

cancel to delete the whole batch.

When you've entered the correct prelist total you will see:

message Please wait for audit trail

followed by a summary of the batch:

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Number of documents entered :
Number of lines entered :
Last input document Ref. No.:

Prelist total = Machine total =
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Message Printing audit trail

The batch audit trail is now printed out. It provides a report of all the details you've entered during the batch, with a detailed analysis of each transaction and two summaries, which are:

- details of the postings which have been made to the nominal ledger, with the figure that has been posted to the VAT control account and the sales (debtor) control account, and
- details produced for VAT purposes showing the goods and VAT analysis by VAT category. (These details are stored and may be printed by using option 4 of the sales daybook program menu.)

When the printing has finished, Accountant displays:

message Updating nominal ledger

This completes the batch entry and posting and you return to the credit sales batch options menu.

Cash receipts – option 3 Credit sales menu

This is provided for cash received from credit sales. Provision is made for the input of discount, so that discount can be analysed as a cost within the nominal ledger.

Note: before running this option, check that you have set up the discount account in the nominal ledger, as entry of a valid discount account code is essential when you enter cash receipts. If you haven't, do so now, using the master file maintenance option of the nominal ledger.

Batch number : CASH RECEIPTS

Bank account number : Discount account No.:

Default date:

Default description:

DATE REF.No. DESCRIPTION

AMOUNT DISCOUNT GROSS AMT

First set the default values for this particular batch. These are the entries for date and transaction description and the codes that you set up in the master file maintenance option for the bank account and the discount-allowed or discount-given account.

Key in the following details when the cursor moves to that field and then press **RETURN** to enter them into the system.

Default date:

Date as DDMMYY -- 'ENTER' for default

-- END to exit

If all or most of the batch entries have the same date, enter this date which becomes the default date. The default date offered in this prompt is the date you first entered when you started this session with Accountant.

Bank account number:

Enter nominal code for bank account

- up to 8 digits or END

The code of the bank account. The code offered is that of the bank account indicated in the parameter maintenance. Press **RETURN** if you want to use this code.

Discount account No.:

Enter nominal code - up to 8 digits or END

The code for the discount-allowed or given account.

Default description:

Enter transaction description

- up to 18 characters

A suitable general description of the transactions in the batch or press **RETURN** to leave the field empty.

Prompt Details OK ? (Y/N/END)

Type Y RETURN to accept the details

N RETURN to amend the details end to return to the menu.

When you have accepted the default values and the bank and discount account codes, you are ready to start typing in the individual transactions in the batch.

Key in the following data when prompted and press **RETURN**. Pressing **RETURN** on its own enters, where relevant, the default values you've set up.

DATE

Date as DDMMYY -- 'ENTER' for default

-- END to exit batch

The date of the transaction.

REF. No.

Enter reference up to 6 characters long

A reference on source documents would be suitable or enter your own internal number for the entry in the batch. This is printed out on the audit trail and you can use it to check back to the original document. Press **RETURN** to leave the field empty.

DESCRIPTION (up to 18 numbers/letters)

Enter description or 'ENTER' for default

This would normally be the name of the person or company from whom you received the money.

AMOUNT

Enter cash amount

The actual amount of money received.

DISCOUNT

Discount amount

The amount of discount allowed to a customer.

The computer then calculates and displays, under the heading GROSS AMT the sum of the amount received and the discount allowed.

Prompt Details OK ? (Y/N/CAN)

Type Y RETURN to accept the entry
N RETURN to amend it

cancel to delete it.

When you have accepted the input, you can enter another transaction in this batch.

Repeat this process until you have entered all the transactions you require.

To terminate the batch press end.

Check that your printer is ready as Accountant prints an audit trail automatically.

Prompt Enter gross total for batch

The gross total is called the Prelist total on the screen. This is the total referred to at the beginning of this chapter which you calculated as part of your preparation for batch entry. It is the total of all cash received plus all discount allowed.

Type <total>RETURN

If the total is wrong, the screen displays:

message INVALID PRELIST TOTAL
-- Press 'ENTER' to continue.

Press RETURN

Prompt Amend total, Review or Cancel batch? (AME/REV/CAN)

Press	amend	to enter the correct total (the same as the
		'machine total')
	review	to step through the batch, find the mistake
		and amend it; or add another transaction
	cancel	to delete the whole batch.

When you've entered the correct prelist total you will see:

message PLEASE WAIT - For audit trail

followed by a summary of the batch:

Number of documents entered :
Number of lines entered :
Last input document Ref. No.:

Prelist total = Machine total =

Message Printing audit trail

The batch audit trail is now printed out. It provides a report of all the details you've entered during the batch, with a detailed analysis of each transaction and a summary of the postings made to the nominal ledger.

When the printing has finished, Accountant displays: message Updating nominal ledger

This completes the batch entry and posting and you return to the credit sales batch option menu.

This completes all the options on the credit sales menu. The next sections describe the other three options on the main sales daybook program menu.

Sales daybook

PROGRAM MENU

- 1. Credit sales
- 2. Cash sales
- 3. Miscellaneous receipts
- 4. VAT reports

Cash sales – option 2 Sales daybook program menu

This option is designed to record cash sales, such as sales over the counter at shops, where the goods are paid for as they are taken, rather than on a credit basis.

Batch number:

DATE

CASH SALES

NOM CODE

Default date:

REF.NO.

Bank account number : Default nominal code: Default description :

VAT

CODE VAT TOTAL

First set the default values for this particular batch. These are the entries for date, transaction description and nominal code, and the code for the bank account in the nominal ledger.

VALUE

Key in the following details when the cursor moves to that field and then press **RETURN** to enter them into the system.

Default date:

Date as DDMMYY -- 'ENTER' for default

-- END to exit

If all or most of the batch entries have the same date, enter this date which becomes the default date. The default date offered in this prompt is the date you first entered when you started this session with Accountant.

Bank account number:

Enter nominal code for bank account

- up to 8 digits or END

The code of the bank account. The code offered is that of the bank account indicated in parameter maintenance. Press RETURN if you want to use this code.

Default nominal code:

Enter nominal code - up to 8 digits or END

The code for the account most commonly posted to in this batch, normally a sales account. When you enter a nominal code, it will be checked by the system and the account name displayed so that you can see that you have selected the right account number.

Default description:

Enter transaction description

- up to 18 characters

A suitable general description of the transactions in the batch or press **RETURN** to leave the field empty.

Prompt Details OK ? (Y/N/END)

Type

Y RETURN N RETURN to accept the details to amend the details

end

to return to the menu.

When you have accepted the default values and the bank account code, you are ready to start typing in the individual transactions in the batch.

Key in the following data when prompted and press **RETURN**. Pressing **RETURN** on its own enters the default values you've set up, where relevant.

DATE

Date as DDMMYY - 'ENTER' for default or END The date of the transaction.

REF.NO.

Enter reference up to 6 characters long

A reference on the source document would be suitable or your own internal number for the entry in the batch. This is printed out on the audit trail and you can use it to check back to the original document. Press **RETURN** to leave the field empty.

DESCRIPTION: (up to 18 letters/numbers)
Enter description or 'ENTER' for default

This should describe the goods relating to the transaction.

NOM CODE

Nominal ledger a/c No.

- up to 8 digits or 'ENTER' for default

The code for the nominal ledger account which you require for analysis. (You can enter additional codes for a multi-part transaction if necessary, later in this option). The account description corresponding to the code you enter is displayed if you have not used the default code.

Note: you may only enter the code number of an account which you have already set up in Accountant, using the master file maintenance option. (See chapter 3).

VALUE

Goods amount - Figure net of VAT

The amount which relates to the nominal code you previously entered. If you want to post some of the total amount to a nominal ledger code other than the one you've just entered, enter here only the portion of the total amount which relates to the above code.

Note: if the VAT is not itemised on the cash sales invoice, or you are inputting from till roles and do not know the amount of VAT, then you will not know the net amount either. In this case, press **RETURN** and you will see:

prompt Enter VAT code (0-9)

Enter the VAT code relating to that particular cash sale and press **RETURN**.

Prompt Enter gross amount

Enter the gross amount including VAT and the system will calculate the net amount and the VAT for you.

It puts an asterisk next to the gross amount, to show you that the machine has calculated the VAT in this case, and this asterisk will also appear on the printed audit trail.

VAT CODE

Enter VAT code (0-9)

Use the code appropriate to the goods in the transaction, which you set up in the parameter maintenance option. (See chapter 3).

Note: you can have cash sales goods at different rates of VAT, for example, zero-rated postage and goods at standard rate. If this is the case, split the entry you make for the value of the transaction into the amounts appropriate to each VAT category that is applicable.

VAT

Enter VAT amount

The actual amount of VAT, calculated on the VALUE for that cash sale.

Note: in this situation, the system does not automatically calculate the amount of VAT for you. It assumes that the data has already been checked and all the necessary calculations made outside the system.

TOTAL

Enter gross amount

The total of the net value of the goods plus the VAT amount. The system checks that the detailed analysis entered under the VALUE heading plus the VAT equals the amount entered here.

If the figures do not agree, you will see:

message Net + VAT does not equal gross

Press RETURN to continue.

You then step back through the transaction and make the necessary alterations so that the amounts agree.

When the amounts agree, you will see:

prompt Additional nominal codes ? (Y/N/REV/CAN)

This allows for multiple posting of the total transaction amount.

Type Y RETURN to enter another nominal code for analysis

of the cash sale

NRETURN if you don't want to use any other nominal

codes

review to look through what you've already

entered and change any part, if necessary

cancel to delete the cash sales.

If you entered more than one nominal code:

prompt Enter document total

The document total must equal the total of all the lines. If it does not, you will see:

message SUM OF LINES NOT EQUAL TO TOTAL

Press RETURN to continue.

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Prompt Amend total, Review or Cancel?

(AME/REV/CAN)

Press amend to enter the correct total

review to step through the document and correct it

where necessary

to delete the whole document.

Prompt Details Ok ? (Y/N/CAN)

Type Y RETURN to accept the details

N RETURN to amend them

to delete the whole entry.

When you have accepted the input, you can enter another transaction.

Continue in this way until you have entered all the cash sales transactions in this batch.

To terminate the batch press end.

Note: check that your printer is ready as Accountant will move automatically from this part of the program to the printout of the audit trail.

Prompt Enter gross total for batch

The gross total is called the Prelist total on the screen. This is the total referred to at the beginning of this chapter which you calculated as part of your preparation for batch entry. It is the total of all the gross totals of the sales entered.

Type <total>RETURN

If the total is wrong the screen displays:

message INVALID PRELIST TOTAL -Press 'ENTER' to continue.

Press RETURN

Prompt Amend total, review or cancel batch ? (AME/REV/CAN)

Press amend to enter the correct total (the same as

'machine total')

review to step through the batch, find the mistake

and amend it, or add another transaction

cancel to delete the whole batch.

When you've entered the correct prelist total you will see:

message Please wait for audit trail

followed by a summary of the batch:

Number of documents entered : Number of lines entered :

Last input document Ref. No.:

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Message Printing audit trail

The batch audit trail is now printed out. It provides a report of all the details you've entered during the batch, with a detailed analysis of each transaction and two summaries, which are:

Machine total =

- details of the postings which have been made to the nominal ledger, along with the figure that has been posted to the VAT control account and the bank account, and
- details produced for VAT purposes showing the goods and VAT analysis by VAT category. (The details shown in the VAT summary are stored and may be printed by using option 4 of the sales daybook program menu.)

When the printing has finished, Accountant displays:

message Updating nominal ledger

This completes the batch entry and posting and you return to the sales daybook menu.

Miscellaneous receipts – option 3 Sales daybook program menu

This option allows you to enter sundry cash receipts that are not supported by a VAT invoice, for example, payment of an insurance claim. You can process these without affecting the sales control accounts or sales analysis.

Batch number :

MISC. RECEIPTS

Bank account number : Default nominal code:

Default date:

Default description :

DATE REF.NO. NOMINAL CODE

DEBIT CREDIT

First set the default values for this particular batch. These are the entries for date, transaction description and the default nominal analysis code, and the code that you set up in the master file maintenance option for the bank account.

Key in the following data when prompted and press RETURN.

Default date:
Date as DDMMYY -- 'ENTER' for default
 -- END to exit

If all or most of the batch entries have the same date, enter this date which becomes the default date. The default date offered in this prompt is the date you first entered when you started this session with Accountant.

Bank account number:
Enter nominal code for bank account
- up to 8 digits or END

The code of the bank account. The code offered is that of the bank account indicated in parameter maintenance. Press RETURN if you want to use this code.

Default nominal code:

Enter nominal code - up to 8 digits or END

The code for the account most commonly posted to in this batch. When you enter a nominal code, it will be checked by the system and the account name displayed so that you can see that you have selected the right account number.

Default description:

Enter transaction description

- up to 18 characters

A suitable general description of the transactions in the batch or press **RETURN** to leave the field empty.

Prompt Details OK ? (Y/N/END)

Type Y RETURN to accept the details

N RETURN to amend the details end to return to the menu.

When you have accepted the default values and the bank account code, you are ready to start typing in the individual transactions in the batch.

Key in the following data when prompted, and press **RETURN**. Pressing **RETURN** on its own enters, where relevant, the default value.

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Date as DDMMYY -- 'ENTER' for default

-- END to exit

The date of the transaction.

REF.NO.

Enter reference up to 6 characters long

A number on the source document would be useful or your own internal number for entry in the batch. This is printed out on the audit trail and you can then use it to check back to the original document. Press RETURN to leave the field empty.

DESCRIPTION: (up to 18 letters/numbers)

Enter description or 'ENTER' for default

This should be a description that helps to identify the type of miscellaneous receipt.

NOMINAL CODE

Nominal ledger a/c No.

- up to 8 digits or 'ENTER' for default

This is the code for the nominal ledger account which you require for analysis. (You can enter additional codes for each transaction, if necessary, later in the option). The account description corresponding to the code you've entered is displayed if you have not used the default code.

Note: you can only enter the code number of an account which you have already set up in Accountant, using the master file maintenance option. (See chapter 3).

DEBIT/CREDIT

Enter gross amount

Decide whether your entry is a debit or a credit. As you are in miscellaneous receipts, it will normally be a credit entry.

If it is a debit entry:

<gross amount> RETURN type

If it is a credit entry press RETURN to leave the debit field empty and move the cursor to the credit field, then

<gross amount> RETURN type

Additional nominal codes ? (Y/N/REV/CAN) Prompt

This allows for multiple posting of the total transaction amount.

to enter additional nominal codes for Type Y RETURN

analysis

N RETURN if you don't want to use other nominal codes review

to look through what you've already

entered and change it, if necessary

to delete the transaction. cancel

Details OK ? (Y/N/CAN) Prompt

Type Y RETURN to accept the details N RETURN to change them

cancel to delete the whole entry. Note: if, when reviewing a transaction, you want to change a debit entry to a credit entry, or the reverse, you should enter a zero in place of the existing incorrect entry, followed by **RETURN**. The cursor will then jump forward or back, whichever is relevant, to the next column to allow you to enter the correct entry.

When you have accepted the input, you can enter another transaction.

Continue in this way until you have entered all the miscellaneous receipts transactions in this batch.

To terminate the batch press end.

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Check that your printer is ready as Accountant will move automatically from this part of the program to the printout of the audit trail.

Prompt Enter gross total for batch

The gross total is called the Prelist total on the screen. This is the total referred to at the beginning of this chapter which you calculated as part of your preparation for batch entry.

Note: the batch total is the total of the debits less the total of the credits. If, therefore, the value of the credits is more than the value of the debits, the batch total should be entered as a negative figure, that is, should be preceded by a minus sign.

Type <total>RETURN

If the total is wrong, the screen displays:

message INVALID PRELIST TOTAL
-- Press 'ENTER' to continue.

Press RETURN

Prompt Amend total, Review or Cancel batch ? (AME/REV/CAN)

Press amend to enter the correct total (the same as

'machine total')

review to step through the batch, find the mistake

and amend it; or to enter another

transaction

cancel to delete the whole batch.

When you've entered the correct prelist total you will see:

message PLEASE WAIT -- For audit trail

followed by a summary of the batch:

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Number of documents entered:
Number of lines entered:
Last input document Ref. No.:

Prelist total = Machine total =
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Message Printing audit trail

The batch audit trail is now printed out. It provides a report of all the details that you've entered during the batch, with a detailed analysis of each transaction and a summary of the postings made to the nominal ledger.

When the printing has finished, Accountant displays:

message Updating nominal ledger

This completes the batch entry and posting and you return to the sales daybook program menu.

VAT reports – option 4 Sales daybook program menu

This option allows you to obtain complete details of your VAT output tax position, to help you complete your VAT return. You can choose to have a summary report, a detail report, or both. You can run the summary report and the detail report at any time, but the combined report should only be run at a VAT period end, because it clears the VAT file, ready for the next VAT period.

- 1. VAT summary report
- 2. VAT detail report
- Both reports and clear the VAT file

Select number (or END)

First, select the type of report you want by entering 1, 2 or 3.

VAT summary report

This prints out a summary of output tax by VAT code (the codes indicated in parameter maintenance), showing VAT rates, VAT amount and net goods amount.

VAT detail report

This prints out a report showing the same details as the summary report and also includes details of the VAT output tax from each separate batch.

Both reports and clear the VAT file

This prints out a report which combines both the above reports and also clears all the information from the VAT file. You should only run this report at the end of each VAT period. Clearing the VAT file does not affect the nominal ledger VAT control account.

Type (1, 2 or 3) **RETURN**

Prompt Do you want to continue? (Y/N)

Note: if you selected $\bf 3$ for both reports and clear the VAT file, you will see:

message WARNING! This will clear the VAT file.

This is to give you the opportunity to change your mind, if you selected 3 in error, or you decide that you want to retain the information in the VAT file.

Type Y RETURN to print out the report (and clear the VAT

file in option 3)

NRETURN to return to the sales daybook program

menu.

You then return to the sales daybook program menu.

This is the final option in the sales daybook section of Accountant.

The next chapter deals with the purchase daybook program.

8 Purchase daybook

This part of the system enables purchase invoices, credit notes and cash payments to be processed and analysed.

VAT statistics are stored separately for reporting at the end of the VAT period.

There are three routines for handling cash payments:

- where payment has been made for items purchased on credit
- where items are purchased for cash
- for those payments which do not relate to cash or trade purchases, for example, wages, PAYE, National Insurance.

Batches

All processing to the purchase daybook is carried out in batches which are numbered sequentially, each time you start a new one.

There are five batch types, some of which involve VAT analysis and some include discounted transactions:

invoices

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- credit notes
- cash payments
- cash purchases
- miscellaneous payments.

When you enter a batch, remember to carry out the following operations beforehand.

- 1 Ensure that all entries in that batch are of the same type. (You cannot, for instance, enter an invoice transaction and a credit note transaction into the same batch.)
- 2 Sort the transactions you wish to enter into batch type, before you start working with the system. This avoids wasting time and the possibility of errors with batch entry.

- 3 Number sequentially, as an internal number, all the entries in a batch, for easy reference.
- 4 Keep a record of the number of entries in the batch so that you can count the number of entries and be sure that you have entered all the batch.
- Write, on each transaction document, the number of the nominal account to which you want to analyse the transaction.
- 6 Calculate the total of the batch you are entering before you start your entry. Accountant will ask you to enter this total when you have finished typing in all the required transactions. If you enter an incorrect total, it will not tally with Accountant's internal calculation and you will not be allowed to finish the batch until you've rectified the situation.

The batch totals for the various batch types, will be, for:

purchases – the total of all the invoices in the batch, including invoices VAT

credit notes — the total of all the credit notes in the batch, including VAT

cash payments – the total cash and discount received in the batch cash purchases – the total of all cash purchases documents entered, including VAT

miscellaneous – the net total of all entries: if it is a credit, enter

payments — the net total of all entries: if it is a credit, ente payments — the total as a negative number, preceding the figure with a minus sign.

Note: the purchase daybook doesn't store individual supplier account details, but the control account in the nominal ledger allows an outstanding creditor figure to be shown. This figure cannot be verified within the system so, if you wish to keep a check on it, keep all unpaid credit purchase invoices in a separate file. At any one time, the balance in the creditor control account should be equal to the value of the unpaid invoices.

At the end of all batch entries, an audit trail is printed out as a hard copy record of your entries. These audit trail printouts should be filed together as they will be valuable in tracing the path of documents through the system. They are also necessary so that the year-end audit or accountancy work can be carried out efficiently.

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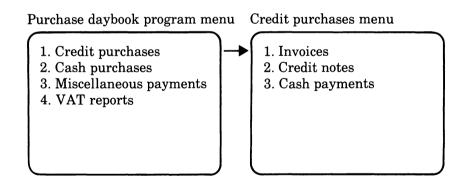
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from the main systems menu for purchases daybook.

Purchases daybook PROGRAM MENU

1. Credit purchases
2. Cash purchases
3. Miscellaneous payments
4. VAT reports

The purchase daybook section of Accountant has two menus which are interlinked as shown in the diagram below:



As you will see from the diagram, the main menu has four options:

Credit purchases

Processes purchase and expense invoices, credit notes and cash payments. This option has three further menu options.

Cash purchases

Processes transactions where credit facilities have not been extended, but you still require a detailed analysis of the purchase or expense. The automatic entries to the nominal ledger are a debit entry for the net value of purchases or expenses (with a separate analysis for VAT) and a credit entry to the bank account.

Miscellaneous payments

Allows for the entry of sundry cash payments where there is no invoice, for example, wages or bank charges.

VAT reports

Through a sub-menu, three VAT reports are available: a summary VAT report, a detailed VAT report, and a combined summary and detailed VAT report. The combined report should only be run at the end of a VAT period, as it clears the cumulated VAT records for the period.

These are dealt with in the following sections.

Credit purchases -option 1 Purchase daybook program menu

Credit Purchases

BATCH OPTIONS

- 1. Invoices
- 2. Credit Notes
- Cash Payments

Invoices

- option 1 Credit purchases menu

Batch number :

INVOICES

Default date :

Default nominal code:

Default description:

DATE

REF.NO. NOM CODE VALUE VAT

CODE

VAT

TOTAL

First set the default values for this particular batch. These are the entries for date, nominal code and transaction description which Accountant will use if you press **RETURN** instead of entering data.

Key in the following details when the cursor moves to that field and then press **RETURN** to enter them into the system.

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Date as <DDMMYY> -- 'ENTER' for default

-- END to exit

If all or most of the batch entries have the same date, enter this date which becomes the default date. The default date offered in this prompt is the date you first keyed in when you started this session with the start-of-day disc.

Default nominal code:

Enter nominal code - up to 8 digits or END The code of the account most commonly posted to in this batch,

normally a purchases or expense account. When you enter a nominal code, it will be checked by the system and the account name displayed, so that you can check that you typed in the right account number.

Default description:

Enter transaction description

up to 18 characters

A suitable general description of the transactions in the batch. If no such description is applicable, press **RETURN** to leave the field empty.

Details OK ? (Y/N/END) Prompt

Type

Y RETURN N RETURN end

to accept the details to change the details to return to the menu.

When you have accepted all the default values, you are ready to start typing in the individual transactions in the batch.

Key in the data prompted for and press **RETURN**. Pressing **RETURN** on its own enters, where relevant, the default values you've set up.

DATE

Date as DDMMYY - 'ENTER' for default or END The date of the transaction.

REF.NO.

Enter reference up to 6 characters long

A reference, such as an invoice number, would be suitable or your own internal number for the entry in the batch. This is printed on the audit trail and you can use it to check back to the original document. Press **RETURN** to leave the field empty.

DESCRIPTION: (up to 18 numbers/letters)
Enter description or 'ENTER' for default
This should describe the goods relating to the invoice, or any other useful reference.

NOM CODE

Nominal ledger a/c No.

- up to 8 digits or 'ENTER' for default

The code for the nominal ledger account which you require for analysis. (You can enter additional codes for each transaction, in a multi-part invoice, if necessary, later in this option). The account description corresponding to the code you enter is displayed.

Note: you can only enter the code number of an account which you have already set up in Accountant, using the master file maintenance option. (See chapter 3).

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Goods amount - Figure net of VAT

The amount which relates to the nominal code you previously entered.

Note: if you want to post some of the total amount of an invoice to a nominal ledger code other than the code you've just entered, enter here only the portion of the total amount which relates to the code just entered.

VAT CODE

Enter VAT code (0-9)

Use the code appropriate to the goods in this transaction, which you set up in the parameter maintenance option. (See chapter 3).

Note: you can have goods on the same invoice at different rates of VAT, for example, zero-rated postage and goods at standard rate. If this is the case, split the entry you make for the value of the transaction into the amounts appropriate to each VAT category applicable.

Prompt Additional nominal codes ? (Y/N/REV/CAN)

This allows for multiple posting of the total invoice amount.

Type Y RETURN to enter another nominal code for analysis

of the invoice

NRETURN if you don't want to use any other nominal

codes

review to look through what you've already

entered and change any part, if necessary

cancel to delete the invoice.

VAT

Enter VAT amount

The actual amount of VAT calculated on the VALUE for that invoice.

Note: the system does not automatically calculate the amount of VAT for you. It assumes that the data has already been checked and all the necessary calculations made, outside it.

TOTAL

Enter gross amount

The total of the net value of the goods plus the VAT amount. The system checks that the detailed analysis entered under the VALUE heading plus the VAT equals the amount entered here.

If the figures do not agree, you will see:

message VALUE + VAT NOT EQUAL TO TOTAL

Press RETURN

Prompt Amend totals, Review or Cancel?
(AME/REV/CAN)

You can then either amend the VAT and invoice total, step back through the transaction and make the necessary alterations, or cancel the entry.

When the totals match:

prompt Details Ok ? (Y/N/CAN)

Type Y RETURN to accept the entry

N RETURN to change it to delete it.

When you've accepted the input, you can either enter another invoice, or, if you have used several VAT codes, you will be asked to enter a split of the total VAT for the invoice.

This split is between the VAT codes that you have used. The amounts in the split of total VAT must add up to the total VAT entered on the invoice. The system will check that the VAT amounts add up correctly, and, if they do not, you will see:

message VAT ANALYSIS DOES NOT EQUAL TOTAL VAT

Press RETURN to continue.

You will then have to rectify the problem by entering a correct split of VAT.

You can then enter another transaction in this batch.

Repeat this process until you have entered all the transactions in the batch.

To terminate the batch press end.

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Note: check that your printer is ready, as Accountant moves automatically from this part of the program to the printout of the audit trail.

Prompt Enter gross total for batch

The gross total is called the Prelist total on the screen. This is the total referred to at the beginning of this chapter which you calculated as part of your preparation for batch entry. It is the total of all the invoice totals in the batch.

Type <total>RETURN

If the total is wrong the screen displays:

message INVALID PRELIST TOTAL
-- Press 'ENTER' to continue.

Press RETURN to continue.

Prompt Amend total, review or cancel batch ?
(AME/REV/CAN)

Press amend to enter the correct total (the same as the 'machine total')

review to step through the batch, find the mistake and amend it; or to add another transaction

cancel to delete the whole batch.

When you've entered the correct prelist total you will see:

message Please wait for audit trail

followed by a summary of the batch:

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Number of documents entered :
Number of lines entered :
Last input document Ref. No.:
Prelist total = Machine total =
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Message Printing audit trail

The batch audit trail is now printed out. It provides a report of all the details you've entered during the batch, with a detailed analysis of each transaction and two summaries, which are:

- details of the postings which have been made to the nominal ledger, with the figure that has been posted to the VAT control account and the purchase (creditor) control account, and
- details produced for VAT purposes showing the goods and VAT analysis by VAT category. (These details are stored and may be printed by using option 4 of the purchases daybook program menu.)

When the printing has finished, Accountant displays:

message Updating nominal ledger

This completes the batch entry and posting and you return to the credit purchases daybook menu.

Credit notes – option 2 Credit purchases menu

Batch number : CREDIT NOTES

Default nominal code:
Default date : Default description :

VAT
DATE REF.NO. NOM CODE VALUE CODE VAT TOTAL

First set the default values for this particular batch. These are the entries for date, nominal code and transaction description which Accountant will use if you press **RETURN** instead of entering data.

Key in the following details when the cursor moves to that field and then press **RETURN** to enter them into the system.

Default date:

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Date as DDMMYY -- 'ENTER' for default

-- END to exit

If all or most of the batch entries have the same date, enter this date which becomes the default date. The default date offered in this prompt is the date you first keyed in when you started this session with the start-of-day disc.

Default nominal code:

Enter nominal code - up to 8 digits or END

The code of the account most commonly posted to in this batch, normally a purchases or expense account. When you enter a nominal code, it will be checked by the system and the account name displayed, so that you can see that you have chosen the right account number.

Default description:

Enter transaction description

- up to 18 characters

A suitable general description of the transactions in the batch. If no such description is applicable, press **RETURN** to leave this field empty.

Prompt Details OK ? (Y/N/END)

Type Y RETURN to accept the details N RETURN to change the details

end to return to the menu.

When you have accepted the default values, you are ready to start typing in the individual transactions in the batch.

Key in the data prompted for and press **RETURN**. Pressing **RETURN** on its own enters, where relevant, the default values you've set up.

DATE

Date as DDMMYY - 'ENTER' for default or END The date of the transaction.

REF.NO.

Enter reference up to 6 characters long

A reference, such as a credit note number, would be suitable or enter your own internal number for the entry in the batch. This is printed out on the audit trail and you can use it to check back to the original document. Press **RETURN** to leave the field empty.

DESCRIPTION: (up to 18 letters/numbers)

Enter description or 'ENTER' for default

This should describe the goods relating to the credit note, or any other useful reference.

NOM CODE

Nominal ledger a/c No.

- up to 8 digits or 'ENTER' for default

The code for the nominal ledger account which you require for analysis. (You can enter additional codes for each transaction, in a multi-part credit note, if necessary, later in this option). The account description corresponding to the code you enter is displayed if you have not used the default code.

Note: you can only enter the code number of an account which you have already set up in Accountant, using the master file maintenance option. (See chapter 3).

VALUE

Goods amount - Figure net of VAT

The amount which relates to the nominal code you previously entered.

Note: if you want to post some of the total amount of the credit note to a nominal code other than the code you've just entered, enter here only the portion of the total amount which relates to the code just entered.

VAT CODE

Enter VAT code (0-9)

Use the code appropriate to the goods in this transaction, which you set up in the parameter maintenance option. (See chapter 3).

Note: you can have goods on the same credit note at different rates of VAT, for example, zero-rated postage and goods at standard rate. If this is the case, split the entry you make for the value of the transaction into the amounts appropriate to each VAT category applicable.

Prompt Additional nominal codes? (Y/N/REV/CAN)

This allows for multiple posting of the total credit note amount.

Type Y RETURN to enter another nominal code for analysis of the credit note

NRETURN if you don't want to use any other nominal

codes

review to look through what you've already

entered and change any part, if necessary

cancel to delete the credit note.

VAT

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Enter VAT amount

The actual amount of VAT calculated on the \mbox{VALUE} for that credit note.

Note: the system does not automatically calculate the amount of VAT for you. It assumes that the data has already been checked and all the necessary calculations made, outside it.

TOTAL

Enter gross amount

The total of the net value of the goods plus the VAT amount. The system checks that the detailed analysis entered under the VALUE heading plus the VAT equals the amount entered here.

If the figures do not agree, you will see:

message VALUE + VAT NOT EQUAL TO TOTAL

Press RETURN

Prompt Amend totals, Review or Cancel?

(AME/REV/CAN)

You can then either amend the VAT and credit note total, step back through the transaction and make the necessary alterations or cancel the entry.

When the totals match:

prompt Details Ok ? (Y/N/CAN)

Type Y RETURN to accept the entry

N RETURN to change it to delete it.

When you have accepted the input, you can either enter another credit note or, if you have used several VAT codes, you will be asked to enter a split of the total VAT for the credit note.

This split is between the VAT codes that you have used. The amounts in the split of total VAT must add up to the total VAT entered on the credit note. The system will check that the VAT amounts add up correctly and if they do not, you will see:

message VAT ANALYSIS DOES NOT EQUAL TOTAL VAT

Press RETURN to continue.

You will then have to enter a correct split of VAT to make the totals match.

You can then enter another transaction in this batch.

Repeat this process until you have entered all the transactions in the batch.

To terminate the batch press end.

Note: check that your printer is ready, as Accountant moves automatically from this part of the program to the printout of the audit trail.

Prompt Enter gross total for batch

The gross total is called the Prelist total on the screen. This is the total referred to at the beginning of this chapter which you calculated as part of your preparation for batch entry. It is the total of all the credit note totals in the batch.

Type <total>RETURN

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If the total is wrong, the screen displays:

message INVALID PRELIST TOTAL
-- Press 'ENTER' to continue.

Press RETURN to continue.

Prompt Amend total, review or cancel batch ?
(AME/REV/CAN)

Press amend to enter the correct total (the same as the 'machine total')

review to step through the batch, find the mistake

and amend it; or to add another transaction to delete the whole batch.

When you've entered the correct prelist total you will see:

message Please wait for audit trail

followed by a summary of the batch:

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Number of documents entered:
Number of lines entered:

Last input document Ref. No.:

Prelist total = Machine total =
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Message Printing audit trail

The batch audit trail is now printed out. It provides a report of all the details you've entered during the batch, with a detailed analysis of each transaction and two summaries, which are:

- details of the postings which have been made to the nominal ledger, with the figure that has been posted to the VAT control account and the purchase (creditor) control account, and
- details produced for VAT purposes showing the goods and VAT analysis by VAT category. (These details are stored and may be printed, using option 4 of the purchases daybook program menu.)

When the printing has finished, Accountant displays:

message Updating nominal ledger

This completes the batch entry and posting and you return to the credit purchases batch options menu.

Cash payments

- option 3 Credit purchases menu

This is provided for cash paid out for credit purchases. Provision is made for the input of discount, so that discount can be analysed as a revenue within the nominal ledger.

Note: before running this option, check that you have set up the discount account in the nominal ledger, as entry of a valid discount account code is essential when you enter cash payments. If you haven't, do so now, using the master file maintenance option of the nominal ledger.

Batch number :

CASH PAYMENTS

Bank account number :

Discount account No.:

Default date :

Default description :

DATE REF. NO. DESCRIPTION AMOUNT DISCOUNT GROSS AMT

First set the default values for this particular batch. These are the entries for date and transaction description and the codes that you set up in the master file maintenance option for the bank account and the discount received account.

Key in the following details when the cursor moves to that field and then press **RETURN** to enter them into the system.

Default date:

Date as DDMMYY -- 'ENTER' for default

-- END to exit

If all or most of the batch entries have the same date, enter this date which becomes the default date. The default date offered in this prompt is the date you first entered when you started this session with Accountant.

Bank account number:

Enter nominal code for bank account

- up to 8 digits or END

The code of the bank account. The code offered is that of the bank account indicated in the parameter maintenance. Press RETURN if you want to use this code.

Discount account No.:

Enter nominal code - up to 8 digits or END

The code for the discount received account.

Default description:

Enter transaction description

- up to 18 characters

A suitable general description of the transactions in the batch or press **RETURN** to leave the field empty.

Prompt Details OK ? (Y/N/END)

Type Y RETURN to accept the details

N RETURN to amend the details end to return to the menu.

When you have accepted the default values and the bank and discount account codes, you are ready to start typing in the individual transactions in the batch.

Key in the data prompted for and press **RETURN**. Pressing **RETURN** on its own enters, where relevant, the default values you've set up.

DATE

Date as DDMMYY -- 'ENTER' for default -- END to exit batch
The date of the transaction.

REF. NO.

Enter reference up to 6 characters long

A reference on the source document would be suitable or your own internal number for the entry in the batch. This is printed out on the audit trail and you can use it to check back to the original document. Press RETURN to leave the field empty.

DESCRIPTION (up to 18 letters/numbers)

Enter description or 'ENTER' for default

This would normally be the name of the person or company to whom the payment was made.

AMOUNT

Enter cash amount

The actual amount of money paid.

DISCOUNT

Discount amount

The amount of discount given by the supplier.

The computer then calculates and displays, under the heading GROSS AMT the sum of the amount paid and the discount received.

Prompt Details OK ? (Y/N/CAN)

Type Y RETURN to accept the entry

N RETURN to amend it to delete it.

When you have accepted the input, you can enter another transaction in this batch.

Repeat this process until you have entered all the transactions you require.

To terminate the batch press end.

Check that your printer is ready as Accountant prints an audit trail automatically.

Prompt Enter gross total for batch

The gross total is called the Prelist total on the screen. This is the total referred to at the beginning of this chapter which you calculated as part of your preparation for batch entry. It is the total of all the cash paid out, plus all the discount received.

Type <total>RETURN

If the total is wrong, the screen displays:

message INVALID PRELIST TOTAL
-- Press 'ENTER' to continue.

Press RETURN

Prompt Amend total, Review or Cancel batch ?

(AME/REV/CAN)

Press amend to enter the correct total (the same as the

'machine total')

review to step through the batch, find the mistake

and amend it; or add another transaction

cancel to delete the whole batch.

When you've entered the correct prelist total you will see:

message PLEASE WAIT -- For audit trail

followed by a summary of the batch:

Number of documents entered : Number of lines entered :

Last input document Ref. No.:

Prelist total =

Machine total =

Message Printing audit trail

The batch audit trail is now printed out. It provides a report of all the details you've entered during the batch, with a detailed analysis of each transaction and a summary of the postings made to the nominal ledger.

When the printing has finished, Accountant displays:

message Updating nominal ledger

This completes the batch entry and posting and you return to the credit purchases batch options menu.

This completes all the options on the credit purchases menu. The next section describes the other three options on the main purchase daybook program menu.

Purchase daybook

PROGRAM MENU

- 1. Credit purchases
- 2. Cash purchases
- 3. Miscellaneous payments
- 4. VAT reports

Cash purchases - option 2 Purchase daybook menu

This option is designed to record cash purchases or cash expenses, such as purchases over the counter at shops, where the goods are paid for as they are taken, rather than on a credit basis.

Batch number :

DATE

CASH PURCHASES

NOM CODE

Bank account number : Default nominal code: Default description:

Default date :

CODE

REF_NO_

VAT

VAT

TOTAL

First set the default values for this particular batch. These are the entries for date, transaction description and nominal code and the code for the bank account in the nominal ledger.

VALUE

Key in the following details when the cursor moves to that field and then press **RETURN** to enter then into the system.

Default date:

Date as DDMMYY -- 'ENTER' for default

-- END to exit

If all or most of the batch entries have the same date, enter this date which becomes the default date. The default date offered in this prompt is the date you first entered when you started this session with Accountant.

Bank account number:

Enter nominal code for bank account

- up to 8 digits or END

The code of the bank account. The code offered is that of the bank account indicated in parameter maintenance. Press RETURN if you want to use this code.

Default nominal code:

Enter nominal code - up to 8 digits or END

The code for the account most commonly posted to in this batch, normally a purchases or expense account. When you enter a nominal code, it will be checked by the system and the account name displayed so that you can see that you have selected the right account number.

Default description:

Enter transaction description

- up to 18 characters

A suitable general description of the transactions in the batch or press **RETURN** to leave the field empty.

Prompt Details OK ? (Y/N/END)

Type

Y RETURN to accept the details
N RETURN to amend the details
end to return to the menu.

When you have accepted the default values and the bank account code, you are ready to start typing in the individual transactions in the batch.

Key in the following data when prompted and press **RETURN**. Pressing **RETURN** on its own enters, where relevant, the default values you've set up.

DATE

Date as DDMMYY - 'ENTER' for default or END The date of the transaction.

REF.NO.

Enter reference up to 6 characters long

A reference on the source document would be suitable or your own internal number for the entry in the batch. This is printed out on the audit trail and you can use it to check back to the original document. Press **RETURN** to leave the field empty.

DESCRIPTION: (up to 18 letters/numbers)
Enter description or 'ENTER' for default
This should describe the goods relating to the transaction.

NOM CODE

Nominal ledger a/c No.

- up to 8 digits or 'ENTER' for default

The code for the nominal ledger account which you require for analysis. (You can enter additional codes for a multi-part transaction, if necessary, later in this option). The account description corresponding to the code you enter is displayed if you have not used the default code.

Note: you can only enter the code number of an account which you have already set up in Accountant, using the master file maintenance option. (See chapter 3).

VALUE

Goods amount - Figure net of VAT

The amount which relates to the nominal code you previously entered.

If you want to post some of the total amount to a nominal ledger code other than the one you've just entered, enter here only the portion of the total amount which relates to the above code.

Note: if the VAT is not itemised on the cash purchase or expense invoice, or you are inputting from till roles and do not know the amount of VAT, then you will not know the net amount either. In this case, press **RETURN** and you will see:

prompt Enter VAT code (0-9)

Enter the VAT code relating to that particular cash purchase and press **RETURN**.

Prompt Enter gross amount

Enter the gross amount including VAT and the system will calculate the net amount and the VAT for you.

It puts an asterisk next to the gross amount, to show you that the machine has calculated the VAT in this case, and this asterisk will also appear on the printed audit trail.

VAT CODE

Enter VAT code (0-9)

Use the code appropriate to the goods in the transaction, which you set up in the parameter maintenance option. (See chapter 3).

Note: you can have goods at different rates of VAT, for example, zerorated postage and goods at standard rate. If this is the case, split the entry you make for the value of the transaction into the amounts appropriate to each VAT category applicable.

VAT

Enter VAT amount

The actual amount of VAT, calculated on the VALUE for that cash purchase or expense.

Note: in this situation, the system does not automatically calculate the amount of VAT for you. It assumes that the data has already been checked and all the necessary calculations made outside the system.

TOTAL

Enter gross total

The total of the net value of the goods plus the VAT amount. The system checks that the detailed analysis entered under the VALUE heading plus the VAT equals the amount entered here.

If the figures do not agree, you will see:

message Net + VAT does not equal gross

Press **RETURN** to continue.

You then step back through the transaction and make the necessary alterations so that the amounts agree.

When the amounts agree, you will see:

prompt Additional nominal codes ? (Y/N/REV/CAN)

This allows for multiple posting of the total transaction amount.

Type Y RETURN to enter another nominal code for analysis

of the cash purchase

NRETURN if you don't want to use any other nominal

codes

review to look through what you've already

entered and change any part, if necessary

cancel to delete the cash purchase.

If you entered more than one nominal code:

prompt Enter document total

The document total must equal the total of all the lines. If it does not, you will see:

message SUM OF LINES NOT EQUAL TO TOTAL

Press RETURN to continue.

Prompt Amend total, Review or Cancel?
(AME/REV/CAN)

Press amend to enter the correct total

review to step through the document and correct it

where necessary

to delete the whole document.

Prompt Details Ok ? (Y/N/CAN)

Type Y RETURN to accept the details

NRETURN to amend them

to delete the whole entry.

When you have accepted the input, you can enter another transaction.

Continue in this way until you have entered all the cash purchases or expense transactions in this batch.

To terminate the batch press end.

Note: check that your printer is ready as Accountant will move automatically from this part of the program to the printout of the audit trail.

Prompt Enter gross total for batch

The gross total is called the Prelist total on the screen. This is the total referred to at the beginning of this chapter which you calculated as part of your preparation for any batch entry. It is the total of all the gross totals of the purchase or expense entries.

Type <total>RETURN

If the total is wrong the screen displays:

message INVALID PRELIST TOTAL

-- Press 'ENTER' to continue.

Press RETURN

Prompt Amend total, review or cancel batch?

(AME/REV/CAN)

Press amend to enter the correct total (the same as

'machine total')

review to step through the batch, find the mistake

and amend it; or to add another transaction

cancel to delete the whole batch.

When you've entered the correct prelist total you will see:

message Please wait for audit trail

followed by a summary of the batch:

Number of documents entered : Number of lines entered :	
Last input document Ref. No.:	
Prelist total =	Machine total =

Message Printing audit trail

The batch audit trail is now printed out. It provides a report of all the details you've entered during the batch, with a detailed analysis of each transaction and two summaries, which are:

- details of the postings which have been made to the nominal ledger, along with the figure that has been posted to the VAT control account and the bank account, and
- details produced for VAT purposes showing the goods and VAT analysis by VAT category. (The details shown in the VAT summary are stored and may be printed, using option 4 of the purchase daybook program menu.)

When the printing has finished, Accountant displays: message Updating nominal ledger

This completes the batch entry and posting and you return to the purchase daybook program menu.

Miscellaneous payments –option 3 Purchase daybook program menu

This option allows you to enter sundry cash payments that are not supported by a VAT invoice, such as, wages or bank charges. You can process these without affecting the purchase control accounts or purchase analysis.

Batch number :

MISC. PAYMENTS

Bank account number :

Default date :

Default nominal code: Default description:

DATE REF.NO.

NOMINAL CODE

DEBIT

CREDIT

First set the default values for this particular batch. These are the entries for date and transaction description and the default nominal analysis code, and the code that you set up in the master file maintenance option for the bank account.

Key in the following details when the cursor moves to that field and then press **RETURN** to enter them into the system.

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Default date:
Date as DDMMYY -- 'ENTER' for default
-- END to exit
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If all or most of the batch entries have the same date, enter this date which becomes the default date. The default date offered in this prompt is the date you first entered when you started this session with Accountant.

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Bank account number:
Enter nominal code for bank account
- up to 8 digits or END
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The code of the bank account. The code offered is that of the bank account indicated in parameter maintenance. Press **RETURN** if you want to use this code.

Default nominal code:

Enter nominal code - up to 8 digits or END

The code for the account most commonly posted to in this batch. When you enter a nominal code, it will be checked by the system and the account name displayed so that you can see that you have selected the right account number.

Default description:

Enter transaction description

- up to 18 characters

A suitable general description of the transactions in the batch or press **RETURN** to leave the field empty.

Prompt Details OK ? (Y/N/END)

Type Y RETURN to accept the details

N RETURN to amend the details end to return to the menu.

When you have accepted the default values and the bank account code, you are ready to start typing in the individual transactions in the batch.

Key in the following data when prompted, and press **RETURN**. Pressing **RETURN** on its own enters, where relevant, the default value.

DATE

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Date as DDMMYY -- 'ENTER' for default

-- END to exit batch

The date of the transaction.

REF.NO.

Enter reference up to 6 characters long

A number on the source document would be useful, or your own internal number for the entry in the batch. This is printed out on the audit trail and you can then use it to check back to the original document. Press **RETURN** to leave the field empty.

DESCRIPTION: (up to 18 letters/numbers)

Enter description or 'ENTER' for default

This should be a description that helps to identify the type of miscellaneous payment.

NOMINAL CODE

Nominal ledger a/c No.

- up to 8 digits or 'ENTER' for default

This is the code for the nominal ledger account which you require for analysis. (You can enter additional codes for a multi-part transaction, if necessary, later in this option). The account description corresponding to the code you've entered is displayed if you have not used the default code

Note: you can only enter the code number of an account which you have already set up in Accountant, using the master file maintenance option. (See chapter 3).

DEBIT/CREDIT

Enter gross amount

Decide whether your entry is a debit or a credit. As you are in miscellaneous payments, it will normally be a debit entry.

If it is a debit entry:

<gross amount>RETURN tvpe

If it is a credit entry press RETURN to leave the debit field empty and move the cursor to the credit field, then

<gross amount>RETURN tvpe

Additional nominal codes ? (Y/N/REV/CAN) Prompt

This allows for multiple posting of the total transaction amount.

to enter additional nominal codes for Type Y RETURN

analysis

N RETURN if you don't want to use other nominal codes

> to look through what you've already entered and change it, if necessary

to delete the transaction. cancel

Details OK ? (Y/N/CAN) Prompt

review

Y RETURN to accept the details Type

NRETURN to change them

to delete the whole entry. cancel

Note: if, when reviewing a transaction, you want to change a debit entry to a credit entry, or the reverse, you should enter a zero in place of the existing incorrect entry, followed by **RETURN**. The cursor will then jump forward or back, whichever is relevant, to the next column, to allow you to enter the correct entry.

When you have accepted the input, you can enter another transaction.

Continue in this way until you have entered all the miscellaneous payments transactions in this batch.

To terminate the batch press end.

Check that your printer is ready as Accountant moves automatically from this part of the program to the printout of the audit trail.

Prompt Enter gross total for batch

The gross total is called the Prelist total on the screen. This is the total referred to at the beginning of this chapter which you calculated as part of your preparation for batch entry.

Note: the batch total is the total of the debits less the total of the credits. If, therefore, the value of the credits is more than the value of the debits, the batch total should be entered as a negative figure, that is, it should be preceded by a minus sign.

Type <total>RETURN

If the total is wrong, the screen displays:

message INVALID PRELIST TOTAL
-- Press 'ENTER' to continue.

Press RETURN

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Prompt Amend total, Review or Cancel batch ? (AME/REV/CAN)

Press amend to enter the correct total (the same as

'machine total')

review to step through the batch, find the mistake

and amend it; or to enter another

transaction

cancel to delete the whole batch.

When you've entered the correct prelist total you will see:

message PLEASE WAIT -- For audit trail

followed by a summary of the batch:

Number of documents entered : Number of lines entered :

Last input document Ref. No.:

Prelist total =

Machine total =

Message Printing audit trail

The batch audit trail is now printed out. It provides a report of all the details that you've entered during the batch, with a detailed analysis of each transaction and a summary of the postings made to the nominal ledger.

When the printing has finished, Accountant displays:

message Updating nominal ledger

This completes the batch entry and posting and you return to the purchase daybook program menu.

VAT reports -option 4 Purchase daybook program menu

This option allows you to obtain complete details of your VAT input tax position, to help you complete your VAT return. You can choose to have a summary report, a detailed report, or both. You can run the summary report and the detail report at any time, but the combined report should only be run at a VAT period end, because it clears the VAT file ready for the next VAT period.

- 1. VAT summary report
- 2. VAT detail report
- 3. Both reports and clear the VAT file

Select number (or END)

First, select the type of report you want by entering 1, 2 or 3.

VAT summary report

This prints out a summary of output tax by VAT code (the codes indicated in parameter maintenance), showing VAT rates, VAT amount and net goods amount.

VAT detail report

This prints out a report showing the same details as the summary report and also includes details of the VAT output tax from each separate batch.

Both reports and clear the VAT file

This prints out a report which combines both the above reports and also clears all the information from the VAT file. You should only run this report at the end of each VAT period. Clearing the VAT file does not affect the nominal ledger VAT control account.

Type (1, 2 or 3) **RETURN**

Prompt Do you want to continue? (Y/N)

Note: if you selected 3, for both reports and clear the VAT file, you will see:

message WARNING! This will clear the VAT file.

This is to give you the opportunity to change your mind, if you selected 3 in error, or you decide that you want to retain the information in the VAT file.

Type Y RETURN to print out the report (and clear the VAT

file in option 3)

N RETURN to return to the purchase daybook program

menu.

You then return to the purchase daybook program menu.

This is the final option in the purchases daybook section of Accountant.

9 Setting up a chart of nominal accounts

The following coding system would be suitable for a small or mediumsized company, and may help you to begin to plan a suitable coding system for your particular application.

Note: always remember to leave enough space for future expansion within the divisions of a code list.

- 1. Divide up your accounts into their different types, for example:
- trading accounts (sales, purchases, stock)
- profit and loss accounts (overheads such as telephone, postage, office salaries)
- balance sheet accounts (fixed assets, debtors, creditors, bank).
- 2. Allocate a separate section of the code list to each type of account, for example:
- 1 to 199 for trading accounts
- 200 to 699 for profit and loss accounts
- 700 to 1000 for balance sheet accounts.
- 3. Divide each major section into common areas, for example:

Trading accounts

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1 - 74	Sales (split, for example, by product)
75 - 129	Purchase (split, as above, by product)
130 — 149	Stock
150 — 199	Direct expenses (factory costs, for example, direct labour)

Profit and loss accounts

These may be broken down by department or by type of expenditure. The former allows for greater control and, if you use the group code facility, you can combine types of expenditure, for example:

200 — 299 Establishment expenses
rent and rates
light and heat
insurance
repairs and renewals

300 — 399 Selling expenses
salesmen salaries
motor vehicle depreciation
petrol
entertaining etc

400 — 699 Other categories

Balance sheet accounts

700 — 749 Fixed assets:

property
plant & machinery
furniture & fixtures
yehicles etc

750 — 849 Current assets: stock debtors bank etc

850 — 949 Current liabilities:
creditors
h.p.
VAT
PAYE etc

950 — 1000 Capital accounts: share capital reserves etc

10 Accountant example chart of accounts

Introduction

This is an example chart of accounts that you could use in your accounting system. The chart is not designed to include every account you may need, but to show you the types of account, and some possible individual accounts that you could use.

When using the chart, you should modify the account titles to suit your own needs and only set up those accounts which you feel are necessary for your system.

If you are unsure as to what accounts your business really needs, consult your accountant who will be able to help you.

You may need more accounts in some sections of the chart and less in others than the example chart shows. For instance, if your company is a partnership, you should set up one of each partnership accounts for each partner separately.

If you do not want to use Accountant for your business needs but only for your home requirements, you will obviously not need this large chart of accounts. In that case, you should check through the listed accounts and select only those which are appropriate for your needs as a non-business user.

Chart of nominal accounts

The accounts listed below are suitable for use by most small limited companies, sole traders or partnerships.

As the list of accounts is not intended to be exhaustive, spaces have been left in the numbering of the accounts, to allow you to include other accounts in their correct positions without disrupting the account structure. The column headed 'Usual' shows whether an account normally has a net debit or net credit balance, to help you when you are not sure what to enter. However, what is listed here may not be right on every occasion, so use it only as an indication.

The accounts are listed in their appropriate groups, with short explanations of what each group of accounts is for.

Trading profit and loss accounts

Sales accounts

These accounts cater for normal trading sales. You can set up a number of accounts to deal with sales of different types, for example, for sales of different products.

You could also record here income derived from service, for example, labour charges.

Account no.	Group	Туре	Usual	Account description
100	1	0	Credit	Sales 1
110	1	0	Credit	Sales 2
120	1	0	Credit	Sales 3
130	1	0	Credit	Sales and work done

Stock accounts

These accounts record trading stock and work in progress.

Separate accounts are created for opening and closing stock. 'Opening stock' and 'work in progress' should be debited to the opening stock accounts.

At the year end, you should make an entry for closing stock. This entry should debit the balance sheet stock accounts and credit the trading profit and loss account closing stock accounts. As these accounts are type 0, they will be written down to zero during the year-end routine, leaving the year-end stock as a debit in the balance stock accounts.

Then, in the new year a credit would be made to the balance sheet stock accounts and a debit to the trading profit and loss opening stock accounts to give correct opening figures.

Account no.	Group	Туре	Usual	Account description
150 160	2 2	0	Debit Debit	Opening stock Opening work in progress
180 190	2 2	0 0	Credit Credit	Closing stock Closing work in progress

Manufacturing costs

These accounts record the manufacturing or factory costs involved in production.

Account				
no.	Group	Type	Usual	Account description
200	3	0	Debit	Depreciation — Plant
210	3	0	\mathbf{Debit}	Direct wages
220	3	0	\mathbf{Debit}	Direct electricity
230	3	0	\mathbf{Debit}	Indirect material costs
240	3	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Indirect wages
250	3	0	\mathbf{Debit}	Factory expenses
260	3	0	\mathbf{Debit}	Subcontractors

Purchases accounts

These accounts record trade purchases or purchases of goods for resale.

Account no.		Туре	Usual	Account description
300 310	4	Ø Ø	Debit Debit	Purchases 1 Purchases 2
320	4	0	Debit	Purchases 3

Overhead expense accounts

These accounts record all overhead expenses. The accounts listed below are only suggestions. You should change the titles and add or delete accounts to suit your own particular needs.

Account				
no.	Group	Type	Usual	Account description
400	5	Ø	Debit	Directors' emoluments
405	5	0	Debit	Directors' pension contrib'n
410	5	0	Debit	Salaries & nat. insurance
415	5	0	\mathbf{Debit}	Wages & nat. insurance
420	5	0	Debit	Postage
425	5	Ø	Debit	Printing & stationery
430	5	0	\mathbf{Debit}	Telephone
435	5	0	Debit	Professional fees
440	5	0	\mathbf{Debit}	Administration fees
445	5	0	Debit	Legal fees
450	5	0	Debit	Agents' fees
455	5	0	Debit	Accountancy charges
460	5	0	Debit	Auditor's remuneration
465	5	Ø	Debit	Donations
470	5	Ø	Debit	Annual return charge
475	5	0	Debit	General expenses
480	5	0	Debit	Journals
485	5	Ø	Debit	Newspapers
490	5	0	Debit	Petty cash expenses
495	5	0	Debit	Papers & periodicals
500	5	0	Debit	Stamp duty
505	5	0	Debit	Subscriptions
510	5	0	Debit	Sundry expenses
515	5	Ø	Debit	Rent
520	5	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Rent & rates
525	5	0	Debit	Water rates
530	5	0	Debit	Light & heat
535	5	0	Debit	Gas
540	5	0	\mathbf{Debit}	Insurance
545	5	0	\mathbf{Debit}	Cleaning
550	5	0	\mathbf{Debit}	Repairs & renewals
555	5	0	\mathbf{Debit}	Motor expenses
560	5	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Vehicle repairs

565	5	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Fuel & oil
570	5	0	${f Debit}$	Travelling expenses
575	5	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Entertaining expenses
580	5	Ø	${f Debit}$	Advertising
585	5	Ø	${f Debit}$	Commissions
590	5	Ø	${f Debit}$	Delivery costs
595	5	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Freight & cartage
600	5	Ø	${f Debit}$	Royalties
605	5	Ø	${f Debit}$	Selling expenses
610	5	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Bad debts written off
615	5	Ø	${f Debit}$	Doubtful debts
620	5	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Bank charges
625	5	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Bank interest
630	5	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Debt collection
635	5	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Discounts allowed
640	5	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Hire of plant & equipment
645	5	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Hire purchase charges
650	5	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Interest
655	5	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Leasing charges
660	5	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Depreciation
665	5	Ø	Debit	Loss on sale of fixed assets
670	5	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Profit on sale of fixed assets
675	5	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Partners' salaries
680	5	Ø	\mathbf{Debit}	Interest on capital

Miscellaneous income accounts

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These accounts record items of non-trading income.

The eight accounts following the rent received account are intended to record expenses that relate directly to rent received.

Account no.	Group	Type	Usual	Account description
	СТОПР	Турс	Csuai	
700	6	Ø	Credit	Discount received
705	6	0	Credit	Dividend received
710	6	Ø	Credit	Insurance recovered
715	6	0	Credit	Other income
720	6	Ø	Credit	Royalties received
725	6	Ø	Credit	Commission received
730	6	0	Credit	Consulting fees

735	6	Ø	\mathbf{Credit}	Management fees
740	6	Ø	\mathbf{Credit}	Professional fees
745	6	Ø	\mathbf{Credit}	Interest received
750	6	Ø	Credit	Rent received
752	6	Ø	${f Debit}$	Agents' fees
754	6	0	\mathbf{Debit}	Commission
756	6	0	${f Debit}$	Depreciation
758	6	0	\mathbf{Debit}	Interest
760	6	Ø	${f Debit}$	Land tax
762	6	Ø	${f Debit}$	Rates
764	6	Ø	${f Debit}$	Repairs & renewals
766	6	Ø	${f Debit}$	Sundry expenses

Taxation accounts

These accounts record the charges for taxation, split between the various types of tax.

Account no.	Group	Туре	Usual	Account description
800	7	0	Debit	Corporation tax
810	7		Debit	Income tax

Appropriation accounts

These accounts record appropriations of profit after taxation. The two accounts which are included are suggestions for the type of account which you should include in this section.

Accou		ир Туре	Usual	Account description
830	8	Ø	Debit	Dividends
840	8	0	\mathbf{Debit}	Transfers to reserves

Profit and loss account

The use of this account is tied very closely to the use of nominal ledger account type code \emptyset . Before you carry out a year end routine, you should debit the net profit retained for the year to this account. If the trading result is a net loss, then you should credit the account with the loss.

If you add together all the trading profit and loss accounts, which are all type \emptyset accounts, when the profit or loss has been entered to the profit/loss for the year account, the net total will be zero. All type \emptyset accounts must add up to zero before you can carry out a successful year end routine.

The other side of the entry will go to:

- the retained profit account on the balance sheet, in the case of a limited company
- the share of profit/loss account in the partnership accounts section, in the case of a partnership or sole trader.

Account no.		Туре	Usual	Account description
850	9	Ø	Debit	Profit/loss for the year

Partnership accounts

These accounts should only be used by sole traders or partnerships. The accounts should record appropriations of profit or loss and drawings.

The example shows the accounts you would use for one partner in a partnership. You should set up the same accounts for each partner, so that in, for example, a partnership which contains three partners, you would have three drawings cash accounts, with account numbers 900, 901 and 902. You might like to identify which account relates to which partner by adding the partner's name or initials to the account description.

Account		T	Uanal	A
no.	Group	Type	Usual	Account description
900	10	1	Debit	Drawings cash
915	10	1	\mathbf{Debit}	Drawings income tax
920	10	1	\mathbf{Debit}	Drawings life assurance
925	10	1	\mathbf{Debit}	Drawings medical
930	10	1	\mathbf{Debit}	Drawings education
935	10	1	\mathbf{Debit}	Drawings goods for own use
940	10	1	\mathbf{Debit}	Drawings other items
945	10	1	Debit	Partners' loans

970	10	1	\mathbf{Credit}	Share of profit/loss
975	10	1	Credit	Partners' salaries
980	10	1	Credit	Interest on capital
985	10	1	Credit	Capital introduced
990	10	1	Credit	Other capital contributions

Balance sheet accounts

Fixed asset accounts

These accounts are arranged in pairs in the chart of accounts. This is because the asset cost account should always be followed by the accumulated depreciation account related to that cost account.

For example, the entry for depreciation in a year is a debit to the profit and loss account, depreciation (account number 660) and credits to the relevant balance sheet accumulated depreciation accounts.

Account				
no.	Group	Type	Usual	Account description
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1000	11	1	Debit	General fixed assets — at cost
1005	11	1	Credit	provision for depreciation
1010	11	1	Debit	Buildings — at cost
1015	11	1	Credit	provision for depreciation
1020	11	1	Debit	Fixtures & fittings — at cost
1025	11	1	Credit	provision for depreciation
1030	11	1	Debit	Plant & machinery — at cost
1035	11	1	Credit	provision for depreciation
1040	11	1	Debit	Motor vehicles — at cost
1045	11	1	Credit	provison for depreciation
1050	11	1	\mathbf{Debit}	Office equipment — at cost
1055	11	1	Credit	provision for depreciation
1200	11	1	Debit	Goodwill — at cost

Current asset accounts

These accounts are shown in ascending order of liquidity — that is they are shown according to the ease with which they can be converted into cash. Thus, the stock account is placed before the bank account, as it is much easier to convert a bank balance into cash than to convert stock into cash, as this necessitates selling it first.

Account		Tuna	Usual	Account description
no.	Group	Type	Usuai	Account description
1300	12	1	Debit	Stock on hand
1310	12	1	\mathbf{Debit}	Work in progress
1320	12	1	\mathbf{Debit}	Credit sales control account
1330	12	1	\mathbf{Debit}	Provision for doubtful debts
1340	12	1	Debit	Sundry debtors
1350	12	1	Debit	Prepayments
1360	12	1	\mathbf{Debit}	Accrued income
1370	12	1	Debit	Cash in hand
1380	12	1	Debit	Bank account

Current liability accounts

These accounts record liabilities that are current — that is, short-term liabilities.

Account				
no.	Group	Type	Usual	Account description
1500	13	1	Credit	Credit purchases control a/c
1510	13	1	Credit	Other trade creditors
1520	13	1	Credit	Sundry creditors
1530	13	1	Credit	Accrued expenses
1540	13	1	Credit	Provision for income tax
1550	13	1	Credit	Hire purchase creditor
1560	13	1	Credit	Accrued wages
1570	13	1	Credit	VAT control account
1580	13	1	Credit	Directors' current accounts
1590	13	1	Credit	Corp'n tax payable/recoverab

Capital accounts

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These accounts record:

- the share capital, in the case of limited companies
- the individual's capital accounts, in the case of sole traders and partnerships.

Account no.	Group	Туре	Usual	Account description
1700	14	1	Credit	Share capital: ordinary shares
1710	14	1	Credit	Share capital: pref shares
1800	14	1	Credit	Partners' capital accounts
1810	14		Credit	Partners' current accounts

Reserve accounts

These accounts are for use by limited companies. They should be used for miscellaneous reserve accounts, including retained profit.

Account no.	Group	Туре	Usual	Account description
1900	15	1	Credit	Retained profit
1910	15	1	Credit	Capital reserve
1920	15	1	Credit	General reserve

Suspense account

This account records transactions where the analysis of the transaction has not yet been decided. For example, you may be entering an invoice when you don't know what it refers to. In this case, enter the nominal analysis to the suspense account.

When you know where the analysis should be made, you enter a journal to move the entry from the suspense account to the correct analysis account.

Always clear the suspense account balances to zero as soon as possible.

Account no.		Туре	Usual	Account description
2000	16	1	Credit/ Debit	Suspense account

11 Using the password facility

If you want to protect certain sections in your system from access by other people, you can do so by using the password system.

You can set a password at all the menu levels, except those for credit sales and credit purchases.

To set the password, make sure that the menu you want is displayed on the screen.

Type PWD RETURN

Prompt Do you want to change master password ?

(Y/N)

Type Y RETURN to change the master password

NRETURN to leave the master password unchanged.

If you type Y, you will see:

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prompt Enter old password

(maximumum 3 characters)

Type <old master password> RETURN

Note: what you type will not appear on the screen, for the sake of security, so you must make absolutely sure that you type the correct password, using, not only the correct characters, but also the correct upper and lower case.

Prompt Enter new password (maximum 3 characters)

Type <new master password>RETURN

This will also not appear on the screen, for the same reason, so, once again, it is important to be accurate.

Prompt Check new password (maximum 3 characters)

Type <new master password> RETURN

and you return to the menu you originally had on the screen at the Select number: prompt.

If you don't want to change the master password, or you have already changed it and now want to set passwords for separate companies, systems or programs, when you see:

type N RETURN

Prompt Enter master password

Type <the master password> RETURN

A new column will then appear on the screen, to the right of the menu you have displayed, with the heading, COMPANY PASSWORD, SYSTEM PASSWORD or PROGRAM PASSWORD, depending upon what level of menu you are in.

Prompt Select number: ..

Type <number>RETURN

where <number> is the number of the company, system or program you want to protect with a password.

A dotted line will appear in the new column next to the option where you want to set the password.

Type <password> RETURN

This password will be displayed, for you to check, and you can then enter passwords for the other options on the displayed menu in the same way.

Note: typing spaces for the password will either delete a password you have already set for that option, or leave an option which does not already have password protection, still unprotected.

When you have set all the passwords you want at this level of menu, press end to stop the operation.

You can then set passwords at other menu levels, or return to using the Accountant system.

When the passwords have been set, every time that you or anyone else, selects an option with password protection, you will see:

prompt Please enter password (maximum 6 characters)

Type <password>RETURN

Message Password correct

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If you type in the wrong password, you will see:

prompt PASSWORD IS INCORRECT - TRY AGAIN ? (Y/N)

You can then enter the correct password, or, if you don't know the password, you can return to the menu, but you will not be able to enter that option.

Note: the master password on the program when you receive it is XXX. To make your system secure, you should change this to your own master password.

Error messages

Nominal ledger

NO ACCOUNT WITH THIS NUMBER

You have entered an account number which does not exist. Enter the correct number.

NO ACCOUNTS EXIST ON MASTER FILE

There are no accounts set up in the master file. Go to the nominal ledger menu, select option 4 and set up your accounts.

GROUP ALREADY EXISTS

You have tried to set up a group using a code that is already being used. Enter another code which is not already being used.

NO SUCH GROUP EXISTS

You have tried to select a group, using a code which does not exist. Check the group code, and then enter the correct one.

NO GROUP DESCRIPTIONS EXIST

You have not entered a group description, so there is nothing to print.

BATCH TOTAL NOT EQUAL TO ZERO

This occurs in the journal posting option. At the end of the batch entry, the total of all the entries should be zero. If it is not, you will see the above message and you should check your batch entries and make the appropriate correcting entry to bring the batch total to zero. You will not be able to proceed until you have done this.

ACCOUNT ALREADY EXISTS

You have tried to set up an account using a code which already exists. Enter another code for this account.

INVALID BUDGET TYPE

In master file maintenance and when setting up an account budget, you entered a budget type other than the budget types available.

BUDGETS DO NOT BALANCE

When you decide to use budgets, you have to enter a total budget amount for the year. You can then ask Accountant to divide the total budget you've entered equally between the number of budget periods you've specified, or you can enter a separate amount yourself for each one of the budget periods. If, however, you enter the amount for each budget period separately, and they do not add up to the amount you specified for the yearly budget, you will see the above error message. You must then make a correction so that the amounts agree.

OUTSTANDING BALANCE

If you are attempting to delete a nominal ledger account, you will see this message if there is still an outstanding balance on it and Accountant will not allow you to delete it.

OUTSTANDING TRANSACTIONS

If you are attempting to delete a nominal ledger account, you will see this message if, although the balance on the account is zero, there are still outstanding transactions. You will not be allowed to delete the account.

BUDGETS NOT USED.

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PRESS 'ENTER' TO RETURN TO MENU

You have tried to run a budget/variance report when you did not specify using budgets in parameter maintenance - option 2. Press RETURN.

FILE EMPTY. PRESS 'ENTER' TO RETURN TO MENU

You have tried to run a master file print when you have not set up any nominal ledger accounts, using the master file maintenance option.

WARNING - FINANCIAL YEAR HAS ENDED

You are running a month end routine and it is also the end of your financial year. This message is just to remind you of this fact.

TYPE Ø ACCOUNTS NOT BALANCED FOR YEAR END

You are running a month end routine and it is also the end of your financial year. At the end of the financial year, type 0 accounts must be brought to zero, but, in this case, the type 0 accounts are not balanced. This message is to inform you of this, so that you can make adjustments if necessary.

ACCOUNT NOT BALANCED

This error occurs in the enquiry option. It is a serious error and you should contact your dealer for help.

Sales and purchase daybooks

PLEASE CREATE ACCOUNT IN NOMINAL LEDGER OR CHANGE PARAMETERS

When you used option 2 - parameter maintenance - you will have entered codes for the control accounts. These accounts then have to be set up, using master file maintenance. If you neglected to set up the control accounts in this way, you will see the above message. Select 4 for master file maintenance and set up the account.

SALES CONTROL ACCOUNT NOT FOUND
IN NOMINAL LEDGER
PURCHASE CONTROL ACCOUNT NOT FOUND
IN NOMINAL LEDGER
VAT CONTROL ACCOUNT NOT FOUND
IN NOMINAL LEDGER

You have entered an account number for the sales, purchase or VAT control account which is not correct, or which you entered in option 2, but did not set up, using master file maintenance. Enter the correct account number or go to option 4 and set up the relevant control account.

CODE NOT FOUND IN NOMINAL LEDGER

You have entered an incorrect code number.

PLEASE RUN PARAMETER MAINTENANCE

You have omitted to enter VAT rates in the parameter maintenance option and are now attempting to use them. Return to the nominal ledger menu, select option 2 and set up your VAT rates.

VALUE + VAT NOT EQUAL TO TOTAL

This message occurs in the options for sales and purchase invoices and credit notes. It means that the value of the goods, together with the amount of VAT you have specified, does not add up to the total you have entered. Check all the amounts and the calculation and make a correction.

VAT ANALYSIS DOES NOT EQUAL TOTAL VAT

This message occurs in the options for sales and purchase invoices and credit notes. It means that the amounts you have entered for the various VAT codes do not add up to the amount you have entered as total VAT. Check all the amounts and the calculation and make a correction.

INVALID PRELIST TOTAL -- Press 'ENTER' to continue.

You have entered a prelist total which is not the same as the total the machine has calculated. Press **RETURN** and enter the correct total.

DRIVE DOES NOT EXIST ON THIS COMPUTER. PRESS 'ENTER'

You have entered the wrong drive number. Press **RETURN** and enter the correct drive number.

V.A.T. REPORTS HAVE NOT BEEN RUN

If you are attempting to run a month end routine which happens to coincide with the end of a VAT period, you will see the above message, as Accountant will not set the VAT to zero at this point until you have printed out a VAT report. Print out a VAT report and then return to carrying out the month end routine.

NET + VAT NOT EQUAL TO GROSS

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This message occurs in the options for cash sales and cash purchases. It means that the value of the goods, together with the amount of VAT you have specified, does not add up to the total you have entered. Check all the amounts and the calculation and make a correction.

SUM OF LINES NOT EQUAL TO TOTAL

This message occurs in cash sales and cash purchases when there has been multiple posting of a total transaction amount and the document total does not equal the total of all the lines. Press RETURN and then amend to make the correction, where necessary.

TOO MANY CHARACTERS
PLEASE USE SINGLE QUOTES
MINUS SIGN NOT ALLOWED
INPUT NOT NUMERIC
TOO MANY DECIMAL PLACES
TOO MANY WHOLE NUMBERS
INVALID DATE
PROGRAM NOT
FOUND - PLEASE CHECK DISC ('CAN' to cancel)

All the above are messages that you might see when you are typing in data. They are self-explanatory and you should press **RETURN** when you see one of them, and then enter your data again, taking note of what the message has indicated.

Glossary

This glossary covers the terms used in the Accountant guide and is for reference only. Most of the terms listed below are explained in detail when you first come across them in the guide.

If there are any general computing terms that you are not sure of, check in the glossary in the $Z80\ user\ guide$.

audit trail

This is the printed record supplied by the computer of the entries made by the operator, with a full description of any calculations, updating or changes made to the original information. From the audit trails, it should be possible to reconstruct exactly what has taken place during any input to the system.

batch

A group of documents or entries, prepared in advance, and entered into the system. The information in the batch is not added to the files until the batch is finished and all necessary corrections made.

cursor

The bright rectangle on the screen which shows where the next character you type will appear.

default

The setting the program will automatically use if you do not set another.

enquiry

The facility offered by a program to view the information it holds.

field

The area within a computer record which stores information in a preset form.

ledger

A number of accounts grouped together that contain the same type of information, for example, sales accounts and purchase accounts.

master file

A category of file where each of the records has a unique key. When you edit a master file record, you write over what is already there.

parameter

A constant value held by the system which is used for processing: for example, the company name, which is then used for report and screen display headings.

record

A group of related items of data stored together on a disc and processed by the computer as one unit. It is made up of fields.

transaction

An entry in a batch which records an invoice, credit note, receipt, payment and so on.

transaction file

A file which holds records in sequence. When you add data to a transaction file, it is added to the record and does not overwrite the information already there.

update

To put information into a file, either to change or add to existing information held by the program.

validation

The system of checking at the time of data entry, to make sure that the information entered is correct and is in the form specified by the program.

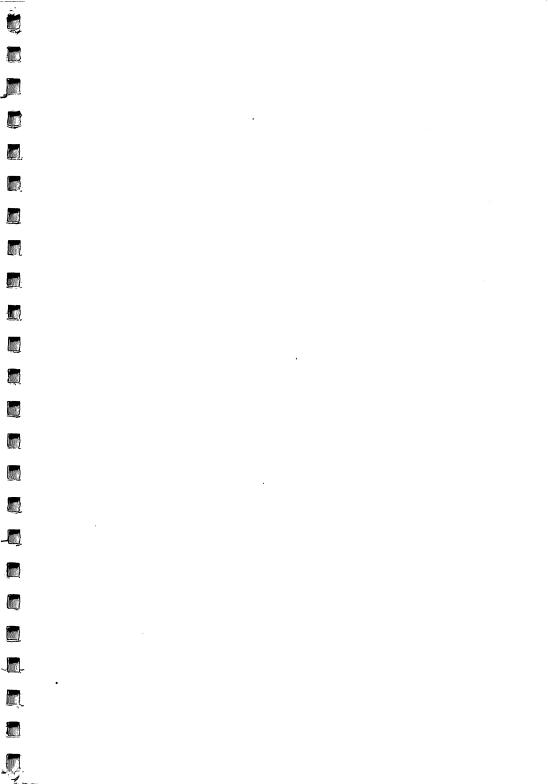
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